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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



Howard Leslie III, son of ATR3 and Mrs. H. L. Fournier of NAS Alameda, took "First Baby of 1968" honors at Oak Knoll and was the second baby born in the entire East Bay this year. He arrived at 0149 and weighed in at 5 lbs. 14½ oz. Edna Evans, staff nurse, was among the first to welcome young Howard Leslie aboard.

27 Staff Officers Selected for LCDR

Twenty-four staff doctors, an MSC, a Nurse Corps and a Chaplain Corps Officer have been selected for promotion to lieutenant commander rank.

In line for congratulations are Doctors Peter A. Sollaccio, John W. Riley, III; Edward M. Finck, George R. Looney, James R. Moyes, Alexander L. Kesselman, Michael J. Haugh, Ira J. Plotinsky, Britton E. Taylor, William B. Echols, Thomas E. Corley, John R. Dunkelberg, Robert W. Smith.

Rayburn R. Skoglund, Charles J. Hoffman, Herbert C. McClung, Morris Louis Lorber, Peter J. Casper, Francis D. Wilken, Hugh M. Castell, William R. Applegate, Albert J. Green, Bernard A. Bernstein, James E. May, and Robert W. Burt.

LTs Glenn E. Pritchard, MSC, Joann L. Silvestri, NC, and Paul J. Durkin, CHC, will also soon be moving up.

LCDR WILSON TO APPEAR ON "YOUTH INQUIRES"

LCDR George C. Wilson, MC, USNR, of the Neuropsychiatry staff, will appear on a KRON (Channel 4) panel, "Youth Inquires," Sunday, 14 January, at 1600.

The topic for discussion will be "Teenagers and Alcohol."

NOTE TO SKI ENTHUSIASTS!

Special Services has purchased 15 pairs of new metal skis and poles along with 10 pairs of ski boots.

Rentals are on a first come, first served basis. Ski equipment can be checked out through Special Services between 0800 and 1100 and 1200-1600 on week-days.



HERE AT LAST is the picture that's really worth a thousand words! It's LT S. M. Fingerett's photo of Yvonne D'Angers, who donned her Santa Claus outfit to help KNEW's Pat Michaels distribute the gifts his radio listeners had sent to the station for Oak Knoll patients. Doctor Fingerett was OOD, and he just happened to have his camera and plenty of film along.

Christmas the Big Story Of Old Year at Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll reached new heights in 1967 as the permanent building was roofed and 81 percent complete at year's end. The patient census reached 1,008—highest since the Korean War. The Coronary Care Unit—first in the Navy—opened on 65B. . . . The Laboratory began freezing blood for Vietnam. . . . GEN Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, came to cheer and inspire young Leathernecks back from Southeast Asia. . . . LTJG Sharon Kosch, NC, headed a drive for food and toys for a Vietnam orphanage. . . . 225 came for the Family Life Sex Education Symposium planned by CAPT J. P. Semmens. . . . Chaplains taped church services for bedside replay. . . . A hospital-sponsored Medical Explorer Post was established. . . . O' Wives presented scholarships to Kathleen Pascoe, Tim Hamill, Mary Rulon, and Karen Langevin. . . . LCDR J. G. Chandler received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam and CDR R. L. Bouterie the Legion of Merit for service with Amphib Group B. . . . Red Cross continued to serve in innumerable ways with aid of faithful volunteers and volunteers. . . . Corpsmen Scarlata and Carson took first in the Navy West Coast Talent Show in Seattle, and LTJG Pat Thomas almost won the All-Navy Women's Tennis championship at Alameda. . . . Oak Knoll Flyers, Inc., bought a Cessna 172 Skyhawk for weekend outings. . . . CAPT Dean Schufeldt departed to command NH, Memphis, and CAPT David B. Rulon moved up from Chief of Laboratory Service to XO. . . . Admiral Irons became CO as Admiral Cokely retired to a new home in San Diego. Corpsmen re-enlisted, patients received Purple Hearts, reservists went USN, counselors counseled, anniversaries were celebrated ad infinitum.

But the BIG STORY was CHRISTMAS.

The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee raised \$22,000 with the help of THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE to decorate and entertain here and at Livermore VA Hospital. The stage show was swinging. Santas made rounds Christmas morning with gifts for every man, woman, and child aboard, strolling entertainers following in their wake.

John Engberg headed AMVETS Oakland Post 44 and San Leandro Post 6 in "Operation Sleighride," which brought the parents of L/CPL Steven Connell here from Kearns, Utah, sent HM3 Walter Galliton home to Fickland, Wash., and gave a free call home to AME3 Richard A. Swanson of Hope, R.I.

Jack Block of San Francisco organized daily visits by stars of screen, television, and night clubs and brought RM1 Carl Harnishfeger's children here for Christmas.

Trader Vic, world-known restaurateur and friend of Oak Knoll, sent HM3 Ted Eichele home to Billings, Mont., in his private plane. . . . Mrs. Alex de Bretville of San Francisco brought CPL Michael Reed a tape recorder and ordered him a Braille typewriter. . . . Communications Workers of America came to place free calls for patients. . . . Television sets came in by the dozen, afghans by the hundred. . . . Cash, cookies, (Continued on Page 4)



TV Guide never looked more interesting to SA Bob Swinney than when Pacific Southwest Airlines Stewardess Barbara Heath gave him one of the 400 she helped distribute to patients after her company presented the hospital four color console television sets. For additional coverage, turn to Page 4.

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God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

This is the famous Serenity Prayer. It is the daily companion of the AA member as well as thousands of other people in difficult lives. It should be everyone's humble New Year's Prayer.

First, we ask God for serenity to accept. Acceptance of things in our lives we cannot change means acceptance of God's obvious will for us, whether we like the looks of it or not. Pain, injustice, worries, apprehensions—all look bad; but they can lead us to God and peace if we allow them to do so. This is the first reward of humility—serenity and peace.

Secondly, we ask God for the courage to change. To change things in our daily lives over which we have power. To admit some things in our lives are wrong and hurtful to ourselves and others takes humility. It is humbling to admit we have faults, we do wrong sometimes — we sometimes cheat, lie, hurt and detract from others. To change courageously these faults brings us more personal acceptance and so peace. This is the second reward of humility—more personal acceptance and peace.

Thirdly, we ask God for wisdom to know. To know what we can change in our daily lives and what we cannot. To know what is His will for us and what are merely our human, petty desires. Really, the humility to want to know that difference so that we may work to achieve that peace. So the third reward of humility is again personal peace.

This peace is the Christmas promise of Christ to all men. The Serenity Prayer is good theology and sound psychology. By it the religious life between man and his God remains healthy. Use this humble prayer this year for daily spiritual and physical health.

COLIN E. SUPPLE, Catholic Chaplain



A \$150 check for purchase of special shorts to be worn by amputees during their gait training classes was recently presented to ENS D. T. Romine, Special Services Officer, by Mrs. Catherine Beermann, Miss Helen L. Wirt, and Mrs. E. L. Fryberger of the Rossmoor Federated Women's Clubs. HMC Robert Bahr, left, and Charles Asbelle, right, of NPRL were on hand to express their thanks.



HM1 Junious R. Josey was piped ashore 11 December after 20 years' active duty in the Navy. He and his wife Juanita left immediately for their former home in Kansas City, Mo., where he hopes to join the staff of the VA Hospital. His retirement plans also include spending more time with his two daughters and five grandchildren.

Scuttlebutt

HAPPY NEW YEAR SIGHTS: SGT Norbert Olbrantz' picture on the society page of the TRIBUNE, leaving the chapel under an arch of crossed swords with his lovely, lacy bride, the former Miss Georgianna O'Neil of Fremont. . . . Edna Rowan returning from Christmas leave sparkling like her new diamond—gift of long-time friend Harvey Lark of Castro Valley. . . . WAVES enjoying the three new hair dryers (complete with foot-up chairs) purchased for them by Special Services.

SAD SIGHTS: Laundry carts filled with Christmas decorations going back into storage. . . The slightly used ski returned to Special Services after a weekend outing—broken in two.

AN ACORN CLUSTER to Oak Knoll Waves, who got names of five needy families from the local Salvation Army Welfare Service and saved all from an un merry Christmas. The girls divided into five groups, and with their own time and money bought food for Christmas dinner and gifts for each of 21 children in the five families and delivered them the day before Christmas. Heading the groups were HM3s Teena Day, Rose Morganti, and Carrie Jarman, HNs Mary Mills and Joan Martin—all encouraged by HMI Mary Donahue.

MEANWHILE BACK at the Quarters the girls enjoyed a Christmas tree party sponsored by Special Services, with LTJG Susan Haberkorn, padded beyond recognition, playing Santa Claus. And there's more—a color TV set and Danish modern furniture have been ordered for the Quarters.

TELEPHONE TROUBLES: "I hope YOU can help me," the distraught feminine voice said to Karoline Gunter, Medical Records Librarian. "I've been transferred from one extension to another. No one can help me, and all I want to know is how my Butchy is getting along."

Mrs. G: "I'll try to help, but you must give me further information—his full name and when he was admitted."

Caller: "He came in night before last, and his name is Butchy."

Mrs. G: "But I'll have to have his last name."

Caller, becoming more agitated: "He hasn't any last name. I told you it's just Butchy."

Mrs. G: "This is Oakland Naval Hospital—are you SURE he is here?"

Caller: "Oh, NO. I wanted the East Oakland Veterinary Hospital!"

OAKNOLLUMNI: Capt. S. L. Arje, former Knoll Exec, has retired from the Navy after a tour of duty as CO at St. Albans. . . . CDR W. H. Jones, former Patient Affairs Officer, now AO at St. Albans, has received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious services as AO of the Naval Hospital aboard USS REPOSE from 13 May to 1 June 1967.

INCIDENTAL INFO: Joe Rosenthal, the S.F. Chronicle photographer who covered Yvonne D'Angers' Christmas Day visit to the wards, is the same Joe Rosenthal who took the famous World War II masterpiece "Flag Raising at Iwo Jima."

Arriving in time to meet Santa was David Gregory Telander, who was born 19 December and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. He is the son of LCDR Robert Telander of Surgery and wife, Margaret. Arriving the same day was Michael Andrew Lackowicz, son of LT Michael R. Lackowicz of Orthopedics and wife, Juanita. Baby Michael weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.



Viola A. Hughes, garment presser at the laundry, retired 29 Dec after 21 years of Federal Service, 17 of which have been at Oak Knoll. Admiral Irons presented her a Letter of Appreciation and thanked her for her many years of work—"an important part of the overall task of patient care." Mrs. Hughes, a resident of Oakland, is looking forward to a little rest and the opportunity to enjoy her five grandchildren.

Employment Advice Available to Patients

Clarence A. Lawlor, Veteran's Employment Representative at the Oakland office of the California State Employment Service, has been assigned to Oak Knoll to provide employment information and assistance to patients who are to be separated from the service. This information and assistance will cover services available to the veteran through the national network of State Employment Offices; counseling for veterans who are unsure of their vocational plans; testing to determine where interests and aptitudes lie; priority of referral to job interviews for veterans; and unemployment compensation for ex-servicemen.

Veterans who plan to remain in the Bay Area may complete applications for work while still at the hospital. These applications will be forwarded to the State Employment Service Office nearest the veterans' homes.

Employment counseling can be provided all veterans who are unsure of their vocational plans, regardless of where they intend to live. Upon discharge, the counseling record will be forwarded to the State Employment Office nearest the veteran's home.

Mr. Lawlor's office will be in Bldg. 133 and he can be contacted through HM1 Wasson at Ext. 237.

Dr. Clark's Son Here On Dual Mission

Reed Clark, son of CAPT Gale Clark, during his Christmas leave at home toured Eastbay high schools. He was one of 200 Naval Academy midshipmen participating in the "operation information" program.

Midshipman Clark spoke to civic groups, appeared on radio and television programs, and spoke at all six Oakland public high schools.

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The only way to double your money in Las Vegas is to fold it and put it in your pocket.



Christmas Was Merry

Santas, entertainers, celebrities, and bearers of gifts strolled the beautifully decorated halls and wards, making this Christmas exciting and memorable for patients and staff. Some of this excitement was captured in pictures. (1) A firm handshake and gift delivered by Santa helped make Christmas morning merry for PFC Thomas Deamaral. (2) Geraldo the Clown entertained even the smallest tykes at the Staff Children's Christmas Party. (3) Santa watches over the shoulder of CPL David Weber as he opens a gift with an assist by HN Frederick Gretenhardt. (4) Will the real Santa please stand up? Checking the routes they will follow were Veterans' Christmas Committee Santas Otis Wickstrom, Angus McIvor, and Emil P. Mary. (5) Lou Jacklich, talented and versatile accordionist, imitated instruments from steel guitar to calliope during the VHCC Show. Also on the bill were the Duane Dancers (9) doing a Polynesian dance. (6) Bob Bristol doesn't know what to think about sitting on the knee of Santa (HMC W. D. Fanning). HMC M. B. "Santa" Nicholson visited the Pediatric Ward. Several television stars—James Drury, "The Virginian," (7), Rose Marie, "Dick Van Dyke Show," (11), and Ernest Borgnine, "McHales Navy," (12) visited the wards to chat with patients. (8) Don Adams' Christmas Show from KENO Radio Station, Las Vegas, brought comedy and song to the wards. The troupe included Tony Renzo, Jr., Kathy Marnien, Sym Morris, Mrs. Don Adams, Scotty Anderson, Don Adams, and Harry Wham. (10) Tambourines, guitars, and banjos resounded in the wards as the New Christy Minstrels cheered patients with rousing folk songs. They are Sanford Scott, manager, Joan Johnson, Joe Travis, Gail DaCorsi, Michael McGinnis and (kneeling) Joe Frank Carollo, Mark Springer, and Dick Hitt. To all those who helped make the holiday season a happy one, all hands at Oak Knoll express their thanks and the wish for a happy new year! Photos by Cheryl Dart and SF1 Peter J. McNamara.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Basketball Season Starts With 8 Teams Set For Competition

By RON BROWN

The 1968 intramural basketball season is getting off to a good start with 11 different departments combined to form eight teams. So far, teams entered are from Ward 50, Surgery, Marine Liaison, EENT/Pharmacy, Lab/CSR, Urology, Project 49, and PT/Dental.

Because of the multi-purpose use of the gymnasium and Christmas decorations making it impossible for teams to practice, the starting date of the league has been delayed until 22 January to give the teams more opportunity to practice together. Teams may arrange practice sessions by calling the Director of Athletics at Ext. 593 or 595.

Deadline for entries has been extended until noon 12 January; so there is still time to form teams.

Anyone interested in officiating during the season can still attend clinics given by the Director of Athletics. A review will be given on floor positions, rules, and mechanics of officiating. All officials will have a chance to work some practice games to gain experience.

Teams wanting to schedule practice games for the next two weeks may call the following team captains: Ward 50, J. Seamans, Ext. 480/288; EENT/Pharmacy, C. Valdez, 391; Surgery, T. Measles, 394/395; Marine Liaison, SGT Johnson, Ext. 236; Lab/CSR, D. Kelly, 273; Urology, W. Anders, 393/529; Project 49, A. Hazuda, 352; PT & Dental, R. Hammer, 438.

All scrimmages must be arranged through the Director of Athletics to prevent duplication of time schedules.

Practice periods can be arranged from 1000 daily through 1800. The basketball court will be available on a reservation basis only. There will be a limit of two hours per practice session. Practice periods will be 1000-1200, 1200-1400, 1400-1600, 1600-1800.

All league games will be played at 1630 daily Monday through Thursday with Friday as a makeup day.

OAK KNOLL SPONSORING 3 WAVES BOWLING TEAMS IN 12ND LEAGUE

The Oak Knoll Waves currently are participating in the 12ND traveling league and are boasting the 3rd, 8th, and 10th place team in a league of 10 teams.

The third place team is made up of team Captain HM3 Rose Morganti, HN S. Boerema, HN M. Bultman, HM3 K. Klunk, DN O. Engelkes, HA S. Hannum, HA S. Thomas, LT L. Davis, MSC, LTJG K. Munson, NC, and LTJG P. Thomas, NC.

In individual standings, Engelkes of USNH leads the league in high game handicap with a 245.

Bowling on team #3 for Oak Knoll and holding down 8th place in the league is team captain HN J. Martin, HA D. Jacobsen, HM1 Mary Donahue, HA C. Johnson, HN E. Nasuti, HA R. Postlewait, HN N. Roberts, HM2 B. Stevenson, HN S. Wingrove, LTJG S. Haberkorn, MSC, LTJG C. Quast, NC.

Rounding out Team #2 and currently holding down 10th place in the league is team captain HM C. Metrano, HM3 B. Clift, HN C. Ellquist, HN P. Farman, HN L. Hottle, HN C. Jarman, DN L. Painter, LT J. Culver, MSC, LTJG S. Kosch, NC.

The Waves bowl every Monday night at Treasure Island.

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An ex-GI undergoing an examination for appointment to the New York Police force was asked, "If your beat was a lonely path in Central Park and a beautiful young girl rushed up to you and declared that a strange man had suddenly grabbed her and hugged and kissed her, what would you do?" The GI replied without hesitation, "I would endeavor to reconstruct the crime."

Christmas

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coffee mugs hand-decorated by Brownies were among the gifts.

So great was the deluge that many a deeply appreciated remembrance may remain forever unacknowledged—the only regret of the season.

And More TVs

When Mrs. William R. Pierce decided something should be done for Oak Knoll patients' morale, something was done. Mrs. Pierce, who served as XO's and later CO's secretary way back around 1950, organized the Chabot Women's Service Group and was chairman of a Hall of Horns benefit fashion luncheon that raised \$1170 for purchase of 11 portable television sets. The check was presented to Admiral Irons by Mrs. Fred Kellogg, president of the new service group, and Mrs. Al Del Masso, vice-president.



Fifteen portable television sets and twenty-seven electric shavers were given to the hospital by the Tracy Chamber of Commerce. With CD A. J. Schwab, at left, and Admiral Irons were, from left to right, Anthony Traina and CDR Lawrence H. Rich, members of the Military Affairs Committee of the Tracy Chamber of Commerce, and Joseph A. Tiago Jr., Chairman of the Committee. This is the same organization that hosted Oak Knoll patients at a pheasant hunt in November and has extended similar hospitality to patients in past years.



FOUR COLOR CONSOLE TV sets for the orthopedic wards were a post-Christmas surprise from Pacific Southwest Airlines, whose president, J. Floyd Andrews, sent three pretty stewardesses to present them. Posing with CPL Jim Gallagher and SN Terry Kenyon, in wheelchair are from left, Ann Blessing, Barbara Heath, and Elaine Tedder. Funds for the sets were raised 18 and 19 December when PSA offered scenic flights to the public with the donations going toward purchase of the sets. The flights over Sacramento, Oakland, and San Jose brought in \$3,388. Flights over Los Angeles and San Diego raised funds for color TV for NH, San Diego. Entertainers whose holiday appearances here were arranged by Jack Block were flown to the Bay Area by courtesy of PSA.



Have You Filled This Out?

IF YOU ARE DISABLED

Under recent changes in the Social Security Act you may be eligible for monthly payments. Please complete:

NAME: _____
 SOCIAL SECURITY: _____
 WARD NO: _____
 HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS? YES _____ NO _____
 AMBULATORY? YES _____ NO _____
 DIAGNOSIS, IF KNOWN: _____
 DATE OF ADMISSION TO SICK LIST: _____
 *Give this form to Ward Nurse.
 *Please be patient. We will interview you as soon as possible.

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Frazier Gets a B in History



Ronald Bishop of the Oakland Board of Education and Evening School System recently delivered L/CPL Harold Frazier, USMC, his report card, showing he had made a B in his bedside course in U. S. Government and History. HM1 Diamond, center, of PMT School was also among nine Knollites who completed the course last term.

Classes are held in the 75B solarium for patients and staff Tuesdays and Thursdays at 0930 and 1330, and bedside teaching is arranged for those who cannot go to the classroom.

With sufficient high school units, including those received for military service, these courses entitle the student to a diploma. If the student hasn't enough units, a passing grade in the GED tests and completion of these courses can lead to a diploma.

A new class has just been formed. For further information, call Red Cross or report to 75B at one of the times mentioned above.

Allen and Rossi to Perform On the Wards Wednesday

The well-known comedy team of Allen and Rossi will visit the orthopedic wards Wednesday afternoon. The stars, Marty Allen, the wild-haired, "Hello-Dere," comic, and Steve Rossi, a talented singer and straight-man, have appeared in many night-clubs and on various television shows. The National Broadcasting Company is sponsoring the tour which will cover eight military medical facilities all over the nation, as arranged by the Surgeon General of the Navy. Allen and Rossi will return in late February, when they will perform in the auditorium.

RADM McCuddin Heads ComTwelve

RADM Leo B. McCuddin, USN, assumed command of the Twelfth Naval District and Naval Base, San Francisco, Tuesday in ceremonies at Treasure Island.

He succeeds RADM William H. Groverman, who has been serving as ComTwelve in addition to his primary duty as Commander, Western Sea Frontier. Admiral Groverman will continue in the latter command.

The new commandant was CO of the Alameda-based carrier USS RANGER in Vietnamese waters during the first six months of 1966 and since that time has served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy.

The new commandant will pay his first official visit to Oak Knoll Monday when he conducts an area coordination review.

"Be Proud . . . It's For His Country"

Last July while HN Gary Meredith was a corpsman on 76A, he wrote a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorien F. Meredith of Fremont—a letter to be opened in the event of his death. In November he left for Vietnam, and in less than two months, the letter was opened. Meredith was killed 2 January in action near Quang Nam.

"Dear Folks," the bereaved parents read. "When you read this I will have died without any fear of what is to come, for I have done what I think is more important than living, that being fighting for my country and its ideas.

"Maybe I have died at a young age, but I died with definite beliefs and I am not sorry for standing up and fighting for them.

"I died trying to bring the world to a state which is free and safe for others in the hope that they will not have to go through what I have gone through," the 21-year-old corpsman's letter continued.

Gary had a premonition about death, and his letter was filled with words of comfort and love for his parents, his brothers, and the girl he had planned to marry.

"I want you to know," he wrote, "that it was expected by me and accepted."

The letter concluded: "Some day all of us will be together again for eternity. I send my love to you all and say, 'Be proud, not sorry. It is for his country, the greatest country and the greatest people ever!'"

Meredith is remembered by LCDR Julia E. Pickering and others of the Orthopedic Service as "an excellent corpsman—kind and thoughtful." And his best friend at the hospital, HN Marc Adams, who served as a pallbearer at the funeral Tuesday, described him as "a quiet fellow with a fine head on his shoulders."

Two other Oak Knoll corpsmen, HNs Bob Edmonds and Tony Grygelko also were pallbearers.

Edna Retires with Meritorious Civilian Service Award



Edna Bourdase receives the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award from Admiral Irons upon her retirement following 25 years of service to the hospital.

Administrative Officers come and go, but Edna Bourdase, who served as secretary to every AO Oak Knoll has ever had, might have gone on forever had not ill health forced her retirement, effective 9 January.

Every AO for whom Mrs. Bourdase worked since she joined the staff 16 November 1942 rated her outstanding in quality, quantity, and adaptability. But "loyalty" was the word most frequently used to describe her. Besides a sort of fierce loyalty that kept her working, often against her doctor's advice, Edna had a great desire to work in the new building. ("When you begin your career in a cracker box, you want to finish it in a permanent building.")

Edna's work, which included typing much of the command correspondence regarding the new construction, was officially recognized last Thursday when Admiral Irons presented her the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service

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THE FRIENDSHIP OF CHRIST JESUS

When I was a boy, I had a friend named Jay. He was older than I and much bigger. One day when I was returning home from school, some older boys were teasing and chasing me and trying to fight with me. I was glad to see Jay come running and chase the boys home. You can imagine how I liked my friend Jay.

As I grew older, I helped my friend Leonard, a farmer. He farmed the prairie land, grew corn, and baled hay. He let me ride on his tractor with him and let me shuck corn. I worked for him in the hay field and rode in the hay truck. Although I worked hard, I liked my friend Leonard. He was kind to me and gave me recognition.

When I was in college, I had a friend named Reiji. He was an American-born Japanese from California. We roomed together, shared our lives as young ministerial students, and prayed together. He even lent me his car to drive a girl home from a church social. (She is now my wife.) I liked my friend Reiji.

In these three friends I see illustrated the friendship of Jesus. He came when I was helpless, a prey to sin, chased by the enemy Satan, and rescued me. After He rescued me, He put me to work in His harvest field. He gave meaning and purpose to my life. In my day-to-day walk with Jesus, He has supplied my needs, stayed close to my side, and has been faithful to me even when I have been unfaithful. He has shared the unsearchable riches of Heaven. He shares Himself and all that He has with me. His strength is my strength. His glory is my glory.

"Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, pain or persecution? Can lack of clothes and food, danger to life and limb, the threat of force of arms? Indeed some of us know the truth of that ancient text: For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were counted as sheep for the slaughter. No, in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through Him Who has proved His love for us. I have become absolutely convinced that neither Death nor Life, neither messenger of heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 8:35-39, Phillips Translation)

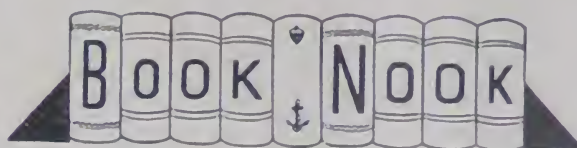
CHAPLAIN HOMER L. SCHNICK, USN



S/SGT and Mrs. Norbert Olbrantz left the Oak Knoll chapel under an arch of swords, following the 20 December afternoon wedding. The bridegroom, a Vietnam casualty, is now an out-patient at the hospital. Mrs. Olbrantz, the former Miss Georgianna O'Neil of Fremont, wore a white lace gown and carried red, white and blue carnations. Following a reception at the CPO Club the newlyweds honeymooned at Lake Tahoe. They will reside in the East Bay.



Project 49 Photo
AMONG THE MANY who played Santa Claus to patients at Christmas were members of the Auxiliary of VFW Union Labor Post 1917, who presented three television sets and 50 ballpoint pens. Mrs. Norma Ken president, Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, and Mrs. Annabelle Carpenter delivered the gifts to AN Tilford Lambert, AO3 Matthew Johnson, and PFC George McGuffich. At right is HM2 Aubrey Burris, who escorted the visitors.



New at Crew's Library:

SENATOR'S LADY by Shirley Seifert

The lady is Addie Cutts of Washington, the Senator is the 'Little Giant,' Stephen Douglas. The time is the tragic decade of the 1850's when men of goodwill tried to avert the coming Civil War. The climax for the senator comes in his debates with Abraham Lincoln, though the story is essentially one of Stephen Douglas and Addie Cutts.

THE 28TH DAY OF ELUL by Richard Elman

The story opens in Israel where Alex Yagudah lives. An American lawyer notifies him that he stands to inherit a good deal of money if he can say that he has remained a Jew. His answer is the substance of THE 28th DAY OF ELUL: a powerful and bitter memoir of his youth in provincial Hungary at the time of the Nazi occupation.

PLAYBOY BOOK OF CRIME AND ADVENTURE

These stories differ from the usual story of T.V., screen and magazines because they recognize that there is a non-conformist part in all of us that hopes that retribution isn't as inevitable as the run-of-the-mill detective novels would have us believe.

GUIDE TO ADVENTURE by Jim Thorne

A rich blend of travel and sports guide, the book is chock-full of off-beat adventure as well as popular recreational activities in settings from Canada to Mexico. Jim Thorne, who has done everything, from hunting to skydiving, gives expert tips on equipment, where to do it, how to do it and what it will cost. For families about to discover the U.S.A. there is a separate section listing recreational highlights in all fifty states.

THE SPARROWS by Fred Bodsworth

"The hunter's instinct took command. Don't move yet . . . feign death a little longer . . . left hand holding the half-raised bow, right fingers gripping the arrow and bowstring." The hunter is Jacob Atook, a Canadian Indian caught in the snowbound reaches of the Hudson Bay lowland. And yet in this encounter Jacob discovers the nobility of life in the face of violent nature and the eye of death.

WILLIAM JAMES by Gay Allen Wilson

This great American psychologist and philosopher, who died in 1910, was in many ways a 20th Century man. In this, the first full scale biography in more than 30 years, the author has treated in

KNOW YOUR STAFF



LT Diane Agrell recently reported aboard after completing one year of duty at the small station hospital at Kodiak, Alaska, followed by a 10-day vacation in Japan.

"I decided to go to Japan because the culture is so different from that of America and I love Japanese food. I stayed in the large cities, such as Tokyo. The people were extremely polite and helpful in every way," observed the pretty nurse.

A lover of skiing, Miss Agrell is looking forward to spending some time at the California ski resorts. "Although snow fell often on Kodiak, it was blown off the island by the gusty winds," she explained.

Miss Agrell, a native of New York City, took her training at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, New York. "I joined the Navy in 1961 with the hope that it would be an interesting and exciting life and because I wanted a chance to travel," she recalled.

She will make her home in Oakland and will start work in OR next month after completing orientation.

depth the searching skeptical temperament, the interest in the practical aspects of life and in social causes and the responsiveness to new ideas, sensations and experiences that make William James a man of our time.

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OAK LEAF

Lions Club Provides Airport to Knoll Rides for Patients

Free transportation from Oakland Airport to Oak Knoll is now available for patients, their parents, and wives.

This service is being provided through the courtesy of the International Airport Lions Club.

Patients are urged to let their families know that on arrival at the airport they may contact Yellow Cab through the airport switchboard. Yellow Cab provides the transportation. The Lions Club pays the bill.

Shock Specimens Flown from Vietnam For CIC Studies

A Very Important Box — all the way from Vietnam — was recently flown into NARTU Alameda and to the waiting hands of LCDR R. L. Abrams, Director of the Clinical Investigation Center here.

The box contained biological specimens taken directly from men on the frontlines that had received severe wounds and had gone into shock.

The box, its precious contents frozen, was delivered by LCDR C. T. Covill, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, NAS, Alameda.

This was the final leg for the box, far from the wounded men on the battlefield. The specimens were taken by the Shock Research Unit, Naval Support Activity, Da-nang, and flown by the Military Airlift Command (MAC) into Norden Air Force Base near San Bernardino.

The call went out for a jet pilot and Lieutenant Commander Covill flew the T-33 from NARTU and back in the same amount of time it took LCDR Abrams to drive from Oak Knoll to NAS, Alameda.

"Our team at Oak Knoll," LCDR Abrams stated, "is studying the dynamics of metabolism in shock. Using radioisotopes and other advanced methods in tracking down the chemical reactions," he went on, "we are finding surprising new facts about shock."

LCDR Abrams added that the results of the findings will have a long-range effect, since they will be put to use in civilian life in the treatment of traffic accident victims, burn cases, and any other injury that induces shock.

Since this release was received, Lieutenant Commander Covill was killed when his plane crashed during a routine training flight between NAS, Alameda, and Fallon, Nev.

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Award—the highest honor a Commanding Officer can pay a civilian employee.

The handsome certificate, pin, and accompanying letter containing the Navy's "Well Done" and best wishes for many years of happiness in her well-earned retirement were presented in the CO's office before a large group of her friends and fellow workers, including her husband, Henry, who retired from his job at the Pharmacy several months ago.

Scuttlebutt

SCENES FROM THE PAS-SAGEWAY PARADE: HMCs Donovan Hofer, PMT instructor, and Richard R. Teich, PMT students, and HM1 Joe Iosefa signing on the dotted line. Chief Hofer, who made HMC at Oak Knoll in July '66 and already has been in 15½. reenlisted for 6. Chief Teich, with nearly 20 already served, reenlisted for another four. Iosefa of the Biochemistry Lab was sworn in for another 6, which will bring him to 19. . . .

CIVILIAN-NAVY MERGER: Mrs. Sylvia Lord of staff Personnel's Civil Readjustment section on 22 December became Mrs. Eugene Kaiser. Her husband, an HMCS now serving aboard USS MARKAB, was on duty in Oak Knoll's Data Processing Division when they met. Said blonde Sylvia happily, "My three daughters are just as delighted as I am."

IT BROKE THE MONOTONY ANYWAY: Back in December HM3 Greg Nichols and CPL James Arwick were summoned to the Public Affairs office to be interviewed by a Wall Street Journal reporter about how the mail came through to them in Vietnam. "Great! Exactly what I wanted!" said the reporter. Days passed, everybody looking for the story—which never appeared. The first week of January TIME Magazine sent a reporter to get the Vietnam veteran's views on anti-war demonstrations, civil rights, and such things. Again Nichols cooperated, as did G/SGT Russell W. Curtis and PFC Arthur Coleman of 76B and PFC Thomas Haller, USMC, of 75B. "Great fellows," said the reporter, "but I can't tell you what will become of the story." Nothing did.

LIFE BEGAN on 5 January for George Randall Williams, 5 lb. 8 oz. son of HN George Williams of 70A and wife Maria.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: HM3 Ted Eichele of 76B: "The mine I stepped on didn't work very good. Most guys who step on one lose BOTH legs."

Great Books Leaders Course at Holy Names

Training courses for Great Books Leaders will be given at nearby College of the Holy Names beginning Wednesday, 24 January. One class will meet at 1000, the other at 2000. The class lasts two hours. Total cost for the course is \$8 for the set of source books used in the course and a commitment to co-lead a junior or adult discussion group this year. A morning class missed may be made up at the evening session.

Patients, staff, and dependents are invited to take the course.

To register or obtain additional information, call Mrs. John Shepherd or write: Mr. Howard Will, Great Books Foundation, San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

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When you drive, hitch horse sense to horsepower.



CPL Ralph Rivera, USMC, has received the Bronze Star for heroic action in Vietnam. The presentation was made last week by COL L. D. Grow, CO of the TI Marine Barracks. Rivera's platoon was attacked by Viet Cong and there were 12 casualties. "He fearlessly exposed himself to intense enemy fire on four separate occasions to assist in carrying the wounded to safety. . . . His resolute courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty inspired all who observed him," his citation read in part. The 20-year-old Marine from Northridge, Calif., lost his left leg when he stepped on a mine during a reconnaissance patrol.

Want to Drive Car To Great Lakes?

Anyone want to deliver a car to a hospital corpsman at NH, Great Lakes, in March? It's a 1956 Chevrolet with brand new engine and new tires. Gasoline will be provided for the trip.

For further information, call Miss Dorothy Thompson in the Public Affairs Office, Ext. 203.

AN Tamplin of 49 Speaks on Narcotics

AN Mike Tamplin, coordinator of Project 49, participated in a PTA Meeting at Lafayette Elementary School, Oakland, Tuesday night.

A film entitled "Narcotics, Pit of Despair," was shown, and Mike and an Oakland police officer discussed the use of narcotics and the problems leading up to their use.



Happy faces were all around on 5 January when HNs David R. Waters (left) and Robert W. Roberson (right) completed the 26 week EENT Technician course. Giving their congratulations were CAPT David Rulon, Roger Jones of ENT, and CDR J. F. Rosborough, Chief of Ophthalmology. At left is HN Ronald J. Beavers who became an EENT Technician through on-the-job training.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Oak Knoll Bowlers Tied for Sixth

The Oak Knoll Men's Bowling team comprised of Snyder, Thurman, Seamans, Jucutan, DeMello, Naylor, and Wickerd are currently tied with NavComSta Stockton for sixth place in the 12ND Bowling League with 12 wins and 21 losses.

Seamans of Oak Knoll is sporting high average for the team with a blistering 173 average in 24 games followed closely by Jucutan with a 170 in 18 games.

11th WEEK RESULTS

Team No.	Team Name	Won	Lost	Average	Team Pins	H.G.	H.S.
4	MARE ISLAND	24	9	877	28945	1049	2785
8	SKAGGS ISLAND	22	11	869	28691	958	2739
2	NAS ALAMEDA	22	11	861	28422	1030	2790
5	MOFFETT FIELD	21	12	886	29248	1030	2917
7	TREASURE ISLAND	18	15	847	27956	941	2681
3	HUNTERS POINT	16	17	838	27676	967	2767
9	OAK KNOLL	12	21	812	26826	913	2609
1	NAVCOMSTA STOCKTON	12	21	800	26421	902	2578
6	TRACEN COAST GUARD	11	22	800	24004	891	2497
10	NWS CONCORD	7	26	777	25657	872	2478

KNOLL BOWLERS' AVERAGES

SNYDER	159	21	3353	1
THURMAN	144	15	2165	
SEAMANS	173	24	4152	2
JUCUTAN	170	18	3070	
DeMELLO	157	18	2838	
NAYLOR	151	15	2278	2
WICKERD	168	21	3535	1

200 GAMES

GOOD NEWS FOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

The gymnasium has just been freshly painted and will be ready for play Monday. The hospital WILL be forming a station basketball team to enter the 12ND Tournament to be held at Moffett Field 29 January to 3 February. Call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 593 for information and/or practice period reservations.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT COMING UP

Men's and Women's Volleyball teams are getting back into training for the upcoming 12ND tournament to be held at NAS, Alameda. The men's tournament will be held 12-13 March. The women will compete sometime in February, the exact date still to be set.

Seals Hockey Tickets At Special Services

Tickets for all home games played by the Seals Hockey team may be purchased for the discount price of 50 cents. Tickets may be purchased from Special Services.

Did you hear about the Texan who received a statement from his bank pertaining to a check he had recently written. The note read: INSUFFICIENT FUNDS ... Not yours. Ours!

Revised Vehicle Laws Reviewed

Laws passed by the State Legislature in 1967 should be carefully studied by all who operate motor vehicles. They are summarized here for the convenience of all patients and staff.

ACCIDENT REPORT REQUIRED

Drivers of all cars involved must report an accident to the Department of Motor Vehicles if property damage amounts to more than \$200—an increase from \$100.

SUPPLY CORPS B-DAY TO BE CELEBRATED 19 FEBRUARY AT NAS

The 173rd Birthday of the Navy Supply Corps, which occurs 23 February, will be celebrated locally 19 February with a cocktail-buffet at the Alameda Naval Air Station Officers' Club.

The event will last from 1830 to 2100. Dress will be informal evening attire. Tickets are \$2.50 per person, \$5 per couple.

Coordinator for sale of tickets to Oak Knoll personnel is LCDR Gary B. Thomas, SC, USN. He may be reached at Naval Supply Center, Oakland, 466-5857.

VITAL INFO

When Missouri's new records management agency started gathering up old death certificates to photograph for compact storage, some unusual causes of death were noted. Among them:

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Died suddenly. Nothing serious."

"Don't know. Died without the aid of a physician."

"Blow on head with an ax. Contributory cause, another man's wife."

"Had never been fatally ill before."

—Pulse on Patient Relations

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The owner of an automobile involved in an accident can show financial responsibility by providing insurance coverage at following minimums:

Injury or death of one person: \$15,000 (was \$10,000); of two or more persons: \$30,000 (was \$20,000); property damage: \$5,000 (no change)

A deposit with the state of up to \$35,000 (formerly \$25,000) is specified as establishing proof of ability to respond in damages. This act is effective July 1, 1968.

REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE

It now costs \$3.00 (formerly \$2.00) record change of ownership of a vehicle or to obtain a duplicate registration card or replace stolen, damaged, or lost license plates. More than 30 days' delay in recording an ownership transfer raises fee to \$6.00.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARD

A vehicle registration card need no longer be visibly displayed in or on the vehicle but must be kept with the vehicle and presented to a peace officer on demand.

DUPLICATE LICENSES FOR MINORS

A minor's application for a duplicate driver's license (as well as for the original driver's license) must be signed by his parents, or parent, guardian, or person having custody.

SPEED LIMITS RAISED

A speed limit of 55 miles per hour (formerly 50 mph) applies to a passenger vehicle towing a trailer; or to a school bus, farm labor bus, truck with three or more axles or vehicle carrying explosives.

TRAILER PARKING

No trailer coach, housecar or vehicle equipped with a camper may be parked upon any highway at night except in an area designated to permit such parking during emergency repairs.

EFFECT OF "YIELD" SIGN

When complying with YIELD sign, driver shall not enter highway or intersection at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour.

TAMPERING WITH MILEAGE METER

It is unlawful to disconnect, turn back or reset the mileage meter of any motor vehicle, or drive while it is disconnected with the intent to deceive or defraud.

NOISE LIMITS

Maximum noise levels, as registered on a decibel meter, have been established for all vehicles. Most vehicles in normal good condition, operating in a normal manner and using unmodified mufflers, should have no difficulty complying with the law.

MISCELLANEOUS

It is unlawful to drive under the influence of toluene (glue) fumes or other chemicals classed as poisons.

A dealer may not sell a 1962 or later model used car without front seat safety belts.

Identification plates must be attached to every piece of special construction mobile and cemetery equipment (examples: air compressors, cement mixers, asphalt heaters).

All motor vehicles subject to California registration, except motorcycles, must have two rear view mirrors, one attached to the left hand side.



Ten HNs completed the six-month Operating Room Technician course on 5 January. The graduates are, front row, left to right: James B. Vinson, Michael A. Chambers, Thomas N. Marsh, Teresa M. Moore, James F. Schaupp, and HM1 Jesse Clark, enlisted instructor. In the second row are: James A. White, Robert H. Burfield, Gregory J. Welsh, Danny P. McCain, and Douglas R. Stokes.



Preventive Medicine Technician Class #46 completed its 22-week course 8 December. The graduates are, from left to right: in the front row, HMC H. D. Hutchison, HMC H. H. Dabbs, HMC R. E. Crippen, HMC F. M. Thompson, HMC A. R. Hosking, HMC D. H. Ostroski, HMC R. J. Davis, and HMC C. L. Randolph. In the second row: HM1 D. L. Durrant, HM1 C. E. Adams, HM2 W. P. Sancet, HM1 J. M. Keenan, HM1 E. L. Bridges, HM2 R. L. Moor, and HM1 P. F. Sheridan. In the top row: HM2 J. V. Bartlett, HM2 J. B. Brudnock, HM1 F. O. Bowlring, HM1 A. D. Fortes, HM2 F. E. Barnett, HM1 C. E. Alberti, HM2 B. H. Washington, and HM2 T. A. McCarty.

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Admiral Irons presents the Legion of Merit to CAPT William A. Snyder, MC, USN, Ret.

Officers and Men Receive Honors For Service in Vietnam and at Home

Seven received awards for Vietnam service, one for service to 4th MarCorps Headquarters, and one for service to Oak Knoll, at recent ceremonies in Admiral Irons' office.

The Admiral presented the Legion of Merit to CAPT William A. Snyder, thoracic surgeon who retired from Oak Knoll 31 December and is now with the Permanente Medical Group in Hayward.

Doctor Snyder's award recognized his work as Director of Clinical Services and Chief of Surgery aboard the USS REPOSE from 17 Oct. 1966 to 7 Sept. 1967. "By his selfless dedication, inspirational devotion to duty, and competence, Captain Snyder significantly contributed to providing surgical and medical expertise to more than 7,500 out-patients and 5,400 hospitalized patients, of whom more than 2,000 were combat casualties," Dr. Snyder's citation read in part.

LT Robert J. Novack, USNR, of 69A, received the Silver Star along with his Purple Heart.

His award was for "conspicuous gallantry in action while serving with friendly foreign forces in armed conflict against the Viet Cong on the Bassac River. On 15 April 1967 LT Novack, in command of a River Boat patrol gained information that a Viet Cong tax collector with his 20-man security squad was located up a narrow canal 600 meters from the main river. Lieutenant Novack sped to attack and upon entering the canal spotted two large junks which attempted to evade. LT Novack took them under fire, partially destroying them and killing four of the enemy. While in the

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Bea Lilly and HMC Fred Dempsey display their going away cake. Bea retired after 13 years of Federal Service and Dempsey will leave 26 March for Southern California and later deploy for Southeast Asia. Some of the many well-wishers who gathered around were Florence Sellars, Gertrude Smith, Betty Winsby, HMC William Carlin, Claire Martini, and LCDR Gale Ramirez.

New Service Available

Navy Military Affiliated Radio System To Send Messages for All Personnel

A new communications service is available to hospital patients and staff through the Navy Military Affiliate Radio System, usually referred to as Navy MARS.

Here is how it works. Official message forms are available on the wards or in the offices of the Senior Chaplain. The patient or staff member **prints** all requested information in the space provided. The forms must be turned in at one of the offices mentioned above for delivery to AT1 Irving Knight, USN, Ret., who has a transmitter-receiver at his bedside on 63A, or mailed to a Navy Mars operator.

The idea of providing this service was Knight's. Ten of his fellow operators in the community, all members of Navy MARS, are ready to devote an evening a week to sending messages. Each can handle 50 in an evening.

Such speed is possible because MARSGRAMS are translated by the operator from words to time-saving code numbers well-known to all amateur radio operators.

For example: **Thirty-four** means "Wish I could be with you" to the operator who transmits it and the one who receives it for delivery, perhaps at the other side of the world. **Forty-eight** means "Congratulations on the new arrival. Hope mother and child are well."

The following Military (MARS) abbreviated texts should be especially useful to Oak Knoll personnel:

Ninety-one: I am in the hospital

and receiving excellent medical care. Will write soon. Don't worry. My new address is.....

Others that may come in handy:

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| EIGHTY-SIX | Everything well here. Hope all well there. Will write soon. |
| EIGHTY-SEVEN | Send () dollars as soon as possible. |
| EIGHTY-NINE | Am sending () dollars immediately |
| NINETY | Arrived at () safely. Will write as soon as possible. |
| NINETY-TWO | Please arrange quarters for () days. |
| NINETY-THREE | Have been reassigned to (). Will write as soon as possible. |
| NINETY-FOUR | Will travel on temporary duty orders to () on (date). |
| NINETY-FIVE | Will arrive (place) on (date). |
| NINETY-SIX | Send no further mail. Will send new address soon. |
| NINETY-SEVEN | Leave granted. Should arrive on (date). |
| NINETY-EIGHT | Leave denied. Will write later. |
| NINETY-NINE | Please arrange transportation to meet me. |

Messages cannot be sent to ships at sea with the exception of hospital ships.



Bea Lilly Retires After 13 Years' Federal Service

Beatrice M. Lilly, after 13 years of Federal Service (12 at this hospital), retired 24 January with the CO's Letter of Appreciation. The letter noted that Mrs. Lilly was involved in the difficult task of answering the varied inquiries of patients, relatives, and others. "... you exercised ... fine judgment and displayed a high degree of competence in your performance of this function, making a significant contribution to our reputation for efficiency," the letter read in part.

The Patient Affairs Office was the scene of the presentation and a luncheon which followed. Personnel who had known Mrs. Lilly through the years gathered to express their best wishes. Mrs. Lilly plans a trip to Florida with a brief stop in Las Vegas and hopes to spend much of her extra time with her eight grandchildren.

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"THE BIG THIRD-DOWN"

Most of the football announcers this past season made us aware that the big play in football is the third-down play. They even kept records to justify their claim and from seeing the big games this year, you and I have to agree. Our Oakland Raiders are a good example of the ability to make the big play count.

As it is in sports, so it is in life. Most of us are in that third-down situation. It's crucial and unless we can produce, we have to punt.

I see third-down situations in the lives of our doctors, nurses, and corpsmen as they bring their medical skills to the aid of our sick and wounded. They live in crucial life and death situations. And so do our patients. They, too, know what they must face in terms of pain, long periods of convalescence, and family adjustments. Just to be in the hospitals as patients or staff members is to be thrown into continual third-down situations.

As a Chaplain, I see concrete examples of the presence of God in these third-down plays. It's not that God is being used as a "crutch" or the "court of last appeals." It is that our God has power here as well as in the joyous first-down situations of life when the crowds are cheering.

And God wants to be here too. He must be in life where it is rough and tough and where agony and heartache make their marks felt. As you read this article and think about your own third-down situations, invite God to come to your life and see how real He is and can be to you.

—Chaplain Jack Kaelberer



HM3 Ted Eichele of 76B joins YM2 Michael Brown, Chaplain's Assistant, Leola Rollins, Polly Schnick, and the rest of the congregation in singing praises to God. Eichele, like many patients at Oak Knoll, has made church attendance an important part of his hospital life. Faith can strengthen the spirit, as medicine strengthens and heals the body.



CAPT David B. Rulon presented certificates of advancement to sixteen staff corpsmen on 16 January. They were, in the front row (from left to right), HM1s Charles E. Daniels, John D. Smith, James I. Abbott, HM2 John H. Palmer, HM3s John H. Panezott, Ronald L. Parker, HM2s Paul N. Mezzapelle, and Sandra Jo Sykes. In the back row were HM3s Jeffrey E. Land, Frederick E. McCartney, Eugene R. Duginske, HM2s Billy Jo Bates, Virgil D. Barnes, George R. Kirk, HM3s Michael H. Cavanagh, Michael R. Pence. Also receiving advancements in rate, but not pictured were HM3s Ronald S. Garner, Thomas Cummings, Thomas Warner, and Calvin Lindley.

Chaplain's Son Earns O'Wives Award

The Officer's Wives' Club has announced the recipient of its annual Scholastic Achievement Award. The award will be presented to James David Vosseler, son of CDR Lawrence C. M. Vosseler, CHC, RET., former Senior Chaplain at Oak Knoll, upon his graduation from San Leandro High School on 6 June. James' mother, Mary Jean Vosseler, is Vice-President of the Officers' Wives' Club.

James, who achieved a much higher grade point average than was required for the award, is also a fine basketball player and hopes to continue his education at Stanford.



TV Series To Visit Military Installations

"Operation Entertainment," a new TV series originating from different military installations each Friday will be presented from the Naval Amphibious Base at Coronado 5 April and from the USS CONSTELLATION 22 March.

The new series features name entertainers performing before all-military audiences. In the Bay Area the new series may be seen at 2030 on KGO, Channel 7.

HOW TO BE PERFECTLY MISERABLE

1. Put yourself first in every thought and deed. Never do anything without asking, "What's in it for me?"
2. Cultivate every real or imagined slight, and store them up like precious jewels to supply your expensive grudges in your old age.
3. Mark well all the people who have more than you do, and keep reminding yourself how much more deserving of good things you are than they.
4. Expect too much of life in general and of all your associates in particular.
5. Keep careful tabulation of all your disappointments while accepting your good fortune and your blessings as being "no more than what's due" you.
6. Don't take care of your health, but cultivate every ache and pain to use as building blocks for your house of woe.
7. Complain mightily, and make disparaging remarks about everyone you know.
8. Suppress any feelings of kindness, of pity, or love for others, and let your self-pity and self-love grow strong, instead. Hate all you can.

—Pulse on Patient Relations

Bachelor Bob Pasquarielli, GMG1, of Security, was caught selecting a Valentine card from the large selection available at a Navy Exchange. Bob probably didn't know that he was carrying on a tradition which originated in 270 AD. Saint Valentine, who was martyred on February 14 for refusing to give up Christianity, wrote a farewell letter to the jailer's daughter who had befriended him in prison and signed it "from your Valentine." Since this time Saint Valentine has been the Patron Saint of Love.

Bachelor Bob wouldn't disclose to whom he was giving his Valentine, but then, would you if you were a bachelor?

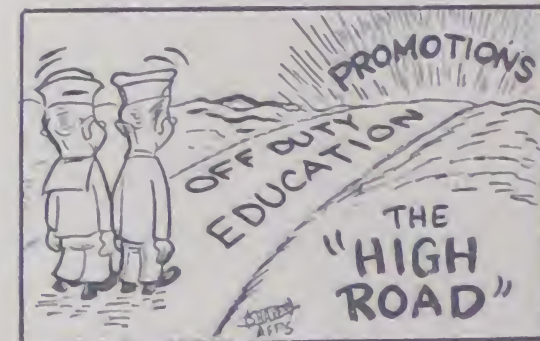
AH, LOVE!

Diaper Derby

Scott Edward Smith arrived 16 January and weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 ozs. He is the new son of Pauline and HM3 Raymond Smith of ENT. . . . Arriving on the same day was Kathleen Ann Casper who weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. She is the daughter of LCDR Peter Casper of Dermatology and his wife, Janet. . . . A later arrival was Jonathan Glenn Baker, son of LCDR Fred Baker of Psychiatry and wife Elizabeth. Jonathan arrived 26 January and weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

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When you drive in bad weather, keep wits and windshield clear.



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OAK LEAF

Scuttlebutt

NICE PEOPLE: HN Hans Birkholm of PT has an uncle—a kind and generous uncle who owns Birkholm's Bakery in Solvaang, the picturesque Danish community near Santa Barbara. Hans goes home twice a month and brings back 400 bags of mixed Danish cookies from the bakery for distribution to the orthopedic wards. Not only that, Uncle Carl, who was a Navy CDR during WWII, has been sending cookies to Vietnam regularly for two years—sent 2,000 bags last month, each bearing the message: "We at Birkholm's appreciate what you are doing." Well, Mr. Birkholm, we at Oak Knoll appreciate what YOU are doing too.

WEDDING BELLS: A double ring ceremony will unite HN Ellen Davis Thrailkill and HM3 Stephen Michael Henson in marriage tomorrow at 0900 in the Oak Knoll Chapel. Ellen, who works in X-ray, met Stephen when he was assigned to the Radioisotope Laboratory. He was recently transferred to the Navy Dispensary at Mare Island.

MOST INTERESTING NAME AMONG GROUPS DONATING AFGHANS: The Happy Knitwitt Club.

PARDON OUR OMISSION: Last week's LEAF pictured Harold Frazier and David Diamond getting report cards from Ronald Bishop on completion of the Oakland Adult Education Course in Govt I & II given here at the hospital. Despite many phone calls and lots of leg work we couldn't get the names of the other seven grads before the presses started rolling. Here they are, and congratulations to Forrest Wasson, Daniel Duvall, and Neil White of staff and Patients Jerry Johnston, James Henderson, LeRoy Lewis, and Ray Frierson. Seventeen have signed up for the course this term. Leave your name and ward number with Red Cross if you wish to join the course—a major step toward qualifying for a high school diploma.

WHODUNNIT: Some one neatly drained a jar of fruit juice—lunch a well-known secretary was looking forward to—wrapped it neatly and replaced it in the Ad Bldg refrigerator. Did you think she wouldn't notice?!!@*#!!

LEST THE OAK LEAF's reputation for telling truth be questioned, Edna Bourdase DID retire as reported in the last issue. But she's back typing fitness reports and the like and easing the personnel shortage that developed when Marjorie Leer, CO's secretary underwent major surgery at Providence Hospital. Marj is getting along well and expects to leave the hospital tomorrow, her many friends will be happy to know.

WELCOME to the Fourth Estate! Project 19 has started publication of a meaty little monthly—the OAK LEAF's second rival on the compound. The first of course is the Officers' Wives' "FIG LEAF," whose motto "Full Coverage" we like to mention once in a while.



LT Novack



HM3 Wilson



HM3 Nichols



HM1 Ley



HMC Crow



HM2 Dickson



HMC Pack



SF1 McNamara

9 Earn Certificates, Medals, and CO's Praise

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canal the volume of enemy fire was extremely heavy, forcing LT Novack to withdraw. A U. S. Navy light helicopter fire team was called in and LT Novack re-attacked, but once more the volume of fire was too heavy, again forcing LT Novack to withdraw. Calling in a Vietnamese Navy USSL, LT Novack accurately directed its fire onto the enemy and on one occasion sped in under the enemy guns in order to save entrapped civilians. Because of his tenaciousness a Viet Cong tax collecting station was destroyed and the enemy routed. LT Novack's high degree of combat leadership and personal courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service," his citation read.

The CO presented the Bronze Star to HM3 Robert M. Wilson, USNR. "Wilson, while serving with Co. A, First Bn, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, on 1 July 1967 completely disregarded his own safety by running 16 meters across an open rice paddy and mounting an amphibian tractor to administer first aid to casualties hit by intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Although seriously wounded by fragments from an exploding enemy anti-tank round, HN Wilson continued to provide life-saving first aid to his companions until they were medically evacuated. His prompt heroic action and skillful medical treatment undoubtedly saved the life of one Marine and inspired all who observed him," the citation read.

HM3 Gregory S. Nichols, who previously earned the Bronze Star for the same action, received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, whose citation was translated as follows: "An outstanding Medical personnel intrepidly completed mission with high spirit. During Operation 18M-SON 20, when the lead element of the company was attacked by the NVA force, although under dangerous circumstances under the pressure of the enemy fire power and the fact that the subject also was wounded, the subject corpsman Nichols disregarded his own safety to rescue his compatriots."

HMC Coy C. Crow earned the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device for his service as Petty Officer in Charge of Force Logistic Support Group Alpha Medical Civic Action Program with the Third Service Bn, Force Logistic Command in connection with operations against the enemy in Vietnam from 8 January to October 1967. The citation spoke of Chief Crow's professional ability and leadership in providing medical assistance to the Vietnamese in the Phu Bai area. "Exposing himself to hazards from enemy fire and mines, he traveled through insecure territory to expand treatment from 1000 to 4000 patients a month and established clinics in three major villages and District Headquarters. In addition he effected close liaison with dental personnel and provided this additional service to the civilian population. During a cholera epidemic Chief Crow unhesitatingly volunteered to inoculate those persons not yet immunized, undoubtedly saving the lives of numerous Vietnamese," the citation read.

HM1 Anton D. Ley received the Republic of Vietnam Medal of Honor Second Class "For the assistance he and his men gave in building new hospital facility at Gia Le, Republic of Vietnam. While attached to the Third Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (REIN) FMF and especially those concerned with the village Medical Civil Action Program."

HM2 William E. Dickson, USN, received the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device for his services as Senior Corpsman with Co. K, 3rd Bn, 26th Marines and subsequently with Co. A, 3rd Medical Bn, Third Marine Division in Vietnam 18

Dec. 1966 to 19 Sept. 1967. Petty Officer Dickson exhibited exceptional professional ability and leadership in the performance of his demanding duties. As a result of his steadfast determination and tireless initiative throughout this period he greatly enhanced the effectiveness of his unit. During Operation Chinook, despite extremely adverse weather conditions, he organized an extensive foot care program which greatly reduced the number of cases of immersion foot in his unit and thereby enabled his company to maintain maximum effective strength. Re-assigned as Senior corpsman of the Triage Section of Co. A, Third Medical Bn, PO Dickson continued to distinguish himself, displaying superb professional skill . . . sincere concern for the welfare of his comrades undoubtedly helped save numerous Marine lives and contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of the unit's mission.

HMC Billy E. Pack received a certificate of Meritorious Mast from the Commanding General, HQs, 4th Marine Corps District, Philadelphia, for "his professional skill and resourcefulness in administering the medical activities of that office and familiarizing himself with all the facets of the Officer Procurement Program, effectively and diligently administering the program with the highest degree of enthusiasm and professional knowledge."

SF1 Peter J. McNamara of Special Services received the CO's Letter of Appreciation for his tireless efforts to provide an outstanding recreation program for the patients and for his pleasant manner in meeting the many notable persons from the entertainment field who visited the wards during the holidays.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Oak Knoll Cagers Lose to TI,
93 to 66, in Season Opener

By RON BROWN

The Oak Knoll Hilltoppers lost a tough basketball game to TI last Monday night by a score of 93 to 66. This was the Hilltoppers first game of the season in preparation for the 12ND Championship which is being held at NAS Moffett Field 31 January through 3 February. Oak Knoll drew a bye in the first round and played the winner of the Mare Island-Skaggs game yesterday evening (results will be printed in the next Oak Leaf).

During the TI game, the Hilltoppers kept in the game and at the half, with the score 40 to 30, TI held a ten-point advantage. The Hilltoppers ran out of gas in the 3rd quarter and couldn't keep up with TI's fast breaks.

Valdez copped scoring honors with 23 pts. 17 of them in the 2nd half. Hough followed with 20 pts. Also scoring well for the Hilltoppers were Dr. Candy with 9, Gloyd with 8, Niec with 6. Although not scoring, but playing well were Walls, Watts, and Smith. Oak Knoll was without the needed services of Dr. Bagshaw, Martin, and Welch, who might have made the difference in the score, for they contribute immensely to board strength (one thing that TI had over the Hilltoppers).

Volleyball

Oak Knoll's Men's and Women's Volleyball teams attended a clinic 23 January at the Oakland Army Base. The Clinic featured a performance by an all-girls team from the Northern California Region 12. Rules interpretation and fundamentals of the game were stressed. Also featured was a 27-minute movie consisting of the U.S. Women's Volleyball team in action.

Representatives from both of Oak Knoll's teams attended the clinic and found the clinic to be worthwhile and informative. They felt they had gained valuable information to aid their teams in the up-coming 12ND Tournaments.

Intramural Basketball

The Intramural Basketball league will finally get started Wednesday, 7 February. All games will be played at King Junior High School (across the MacArthur Freeway). Games are scheduled on Wednesdays at 1900. Schedules will be sent to all team captains prior to the start of the league.

NOTICE

Oak Knoll's Athletic Director, Ron Brown, now has his office in Room 229 of Bldg. 38. His phone extension is 264.

O'Wives Plan
Hearts and Flowers
Valentine Luncheon

"Hearts and Flowers" will be the theme of the Valentines Day meeting of the Officer's Wives' Club.

Hosting a luncheon at the O'Club are wives representing General Surgery, CEC, and the Interns' wives, with Mrs. R. P. Dobbie serving as chairman.

Norma Matalon, Revlon representative, will demonstrate make-up techniques during the cocktail hour which starts at 1130. RADM E. P. Irons will speak during lunch, which begins at 1230. The menu includes a fruit cup, chicken almonidine with rice, and, for dessert, a cherry tart. Reservations must be mailed by 12 February.

Disneyland Offers
Weekend Passes

During special "Armed Forces Weekends" at Disneyland military personnel may purchase a single ticket good for both Saturday and Sunday including a 12-ride ticket book good for ANY attraction... a \$15.00 value for \$5.00.

Special arrangements for meals, accommodations, and other area attractions and events are being coordinated by the Anaheim Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Only active duty and retired military personnel and their families will be eligible for "Armed Forces Weekend Passes." Uniform is not required.

Special military salutes are being planned for the Marines, 20-21 April, and Navy, 27-28 April.

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Speed on the highway turns skill to kill.

KNOW YOUR STAFF



Bachelor, bowler, homeowner, swimmer, stamp collector, and lay minister in the Episcopal Church—that's Roger Jones, who returned to Oak Knoll last April to serve as audiologist and instructor for ENT School.

Mr. Jones was a student at ENT Tech School himself in 1962 and later was in charge of the audiometric facility. He left the service in '66 and worked for a year at Franklin Hearing Aid Company in Oakland before filling his present niche at Oak Knoll.

The soft-spoken civilian in charge of specialized hearing tests spent two years at McCook College in his hometown of McCook, Nebr., before he entered the service. He attends monthly seminars at the audiological research center at Stanford and in December was one of 10 audiologists chosen to attend a special seminar in his specialty at Phoenix, Ariz.

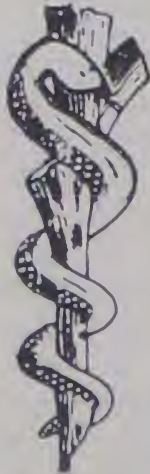
It was 12 December at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, that Mr. Jones was installed as a lay minister. He conducts morning and evening services, counsels parishioners, and distributes Holy Communion at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hayward, and is qualified to do so in any Episcopal Church. "This has always been one of my goals," said Mr. Jones.

The 27-year-old staffer's Bay view home in the Montclair hill area is just a few minutes drive from the hospital.



THE STAFF OF HERMES

The staff of Hermes is sometimes used as the symbol of medicine; however Hermes was not a physician but a clever thief who served as the "god of rogues." He was appointed to send the souls of the dead to Hell—scarcely the function of a physician. Legend indicates the snakes of Hermes had no medical significance—they were merely found fighting and were separated by his wand.



THE STAFF OF AESCULAPIUS

The staff of Aesculapius, the Greek God of Medicine, is the true symbol of medicine. Legend interprets the staff as one of the many Greek symbols that indicated the life-giving quality of the physician. Snakes became connected with Aesculapius because of their wisdom which represented prudence. Their skin-shedding ability represented longevity and immortality. Snakes symbolized convalescence in their ability to change from lethargy to rapid activity.

Congratulations, Graduates



Six new X-Ray Technicians were graduated today after completing the year-long course. They were congratulated by HMCs Richard Hinds, left front, and Samuel MacCaine, left back, and by CDR J. S. Garrison, Chief of Radiology Service, on the right. The graduates were, in the front row, left to right, HM2s A. M. Palustra, Jr., and John Corde, HM1 Samuel Bonilla. In the back row, HM2s Gary Lubarsky, Billy Bates, and Lawrence Lamarche.

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LCDR Donald Rohren and Gerry Porter, BSME, look over the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory display produced to help celebrate National Engineers' Week which begins Monday.

"The Engineers' Contribution to the Medical Field" is the theme illustrated on the display panels, which show the inner workings of the Navy variable friction knee and foam foot. Details of these items are shown by cutaway models, sample parts, and construction tooling, all of which have required engineering.

The center panel supports a complete limb for an above-knee amputee to illustrate how the variable friction knee and foam foot are actually used. The items held by Doctor Rohren and Mr. Porter are a knee-shin set-up used in fabricating the above-knee prosthesis and a complete below-knee prosthesis.

The exhibit will be on display at the Mayfield Mall, 100 Mayfield Avenue, Mountain View, from 19 February through 26 February. Arrangements for Navy participation in the observance of Engineers' Week were made by Admiral Irons at the request of Alex Williams of the Santa Clara County Engineers' Council.

Navy Relief Course To Be Given Here

Officers' Wives will have an opportunity to train as Navy Relief interviewers if as many as 12 sign up for the course.

The classes will be given at the Officers' Club from 0900 to 1200 Mondays and Thursdays from 25 April through 17 May.

Mrs. Joan Borsic from Navy Relief Headquarters, Washington, D.C., will conduct the course here and at Naval Air Station, Alameda, and classes missed here may be made up at Alameda.

Those wishing to take the course are asked to sign up with Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, by calling 261-1101.

Wives who have taken the course in the past have found it most helpful and interesting because of the wealth of information it includes concerning Navy benefits, allotments, etc. Hours spent in class will count toward Navy Relief pins.

Free baby-sitting service will be provided for those taking the course.

MARS Ready to Serve

Since Navy MARS announced that it will send messages for Oak Knoll personnel, the number of ready and willing operators in the area has jumped from five to 200. Those wishing to send word to relative or friend, may fill out a form available on your ward or in the Senior Chaplain's Office. The Chaplain will forward the message to a MARS operator for transmission.

Honor for Dr. Pascoe

CAPT Delmer J. Pascoe, Chief of Pediatrics, is the new secretary-treasurer of the section on military pediatrics of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Master CPO of Navy to Speak Here To Enlisted Personnel Wednesday

GMCM Black Travels Far in First Year

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, GMCM Delbert D. Black, will tour Oak Knoll 21 and 22 February as part of a week-long visit to the 12ND.

Chief Black was invited to visit the area by Master Chief Personnelman Emanuel H. (Danny) White, the 12ND's Leading Chief Petty Officer and Senior Enlisted Adviser to the Commandant.

The Chiefs will call on the CO on 21 February, speak to enlisted personnel and their dependents in the auditorium at 1430, and at 1600 will meet with all station chiefs (staff and patients) in the CPO Club. They will return the afternoon of 22 February to visit the wards from 1300 to 1600.

The two Master Chiefs will also visit the Naval Station at Treasure Island and Naval Air Stations, Alameda, Moffett Field, and Le-moore.

Chief Black has traveled 100,000 miles to talk with enlisted men and women during his first full year as MCPON. Both he and Chief White are dedicated to the tasks of retaining high caliber personnel, eliminating the "little things" that can make the lives of enlisted personnel unnecessarily unpleasant, raising the status of enlisted personnel, and perfecting the rapport that now exists between the Navy and the Navy Wives' Club and the Fleet Reserve Association.

In his assignment Chief Black has open door privileges with the Chief of Naval Personnel, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Secretary of the Navy.

49 Project Participates in School Panels

LCDR George Wilson, Director of the 49 Project, and John Palmquist, a project Section Head, were members of a recent panel discussion on the problems of alcohol at Bancroft Junior High School in San Leandro.

On 26 January Mike Tamplin, Coordinator of the Project; Gene



GMCM Delbert D. Black—Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

Knoll to Host Clinic For Cardiologists

Oak Knoll will host an afternoon clinic 28 February for cardiologists attending the American College of Cardiologists meeting in San Francisco.

Subjects to be discussed are "Special Considerations in the Cardiologic Evaluation of Naval Pilots" by CDR Hugh S. Pratt, Jr., and LCDR Raphael F. Smith, of the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Fla., "Disqualifying Cardiovascular Disease in Navy and Marine Corps Recruits" by CDR J. N. Trone, Naval Hospital, San Diego; and "Differential Diagnosis of Continuous Murmurs in Adults" by LCDR J. E. Goss of National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Cantrell, John Palmquist, Elmer Lundy and Dudley McMains, Section Heads; Mike Lush, Norm Akins and Jim Duguid, members of the Project, and John Moyer, a Project graduate and ex-coordinator, visited the school. Each led a discussion group of 35 teen-agers on the problems of alcohol.

Allen and Rossi ARE COMING 25 and 26 February

Marty Allen and Steve Rossi, one of America's best known comedy teams, with their troupe of entertainers will visit the wards on 25 and 26 February and present a stage show in the auditorium, Monday the 26th.

"Operation Hello Dere!", as the project is called, is covering military hospitals in Washington, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, California, and Texas. The American Red Cross and the National Broadcasting Company are sponsoring the tour.

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FALSE HUMILITY

Human nature can sometimes play tricks on us and may slyly substitute one motive for another. A man thinks that he is merely defending his rights while actually he is little more than a bully. Another man may disclaim all competence and ability and yet be deeply hurt if he is not asked.

Aristotle, who lived 380 years before Christ, observed that if a man is unduly humble he does not think that he is worthy of good things, and this frequently causes him to desist from noble actions and undertakings.

But such people are not truly humble; they allow the reputation for humility to serve as a cloak for their sloth or their pride. They are so very solicitous of their good name that they are fearful of diminishing their fine and secure estimate of themselves.

Aristotle goes one step further and states that a conceited man, contemptible though he may be with his childish boasting that wearies everyone and annoys many, is to be preferred to a man who slyly employs pretended humility.

Aristotle holds no favor for vain people and calls them fools, ignorant of themselves; but at least such people will frequently stir themselves to accomplish noble things.

Undue or false humility is fairly common. So many of our people protest their inability before they have tried. They refuse to attempt any height of spiritual greatness, nor will they attempt much service to humanity. Such men are usually lazy and often cowards. They certainly are not humble in the true Christian sense.

—LCDR Paul J. Durkin, Catholic Chaplain

Truck Rolls in With 512 Afghans From Friends in Modesto Area

The big truck paused at the gatehouse and then rolled slowly up to a parking space near the Administration Building. MODESTO was printed in large letters on the outside. Inside were 512 afghans—knitted, crocheted, or pieced by citizens of Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale, Shingle Springs, Ripon, Ceres, Newman, Escalon, Gustine, Sonora, Jamestown, Stockton, Waterford, Manteca, Hughson, and many other Central California towns and hamlets.

The afghans were made by Gold Star Mothers, plain Navy Mothers, farmers' wives, members of churches, granges, and lodges, senior citizens including a 93-year-

old, junior citizens, blind citizens. And each had worked with as much care as one would put into such a project for her own living room.

The afghan-makers had one thing in common—all listen to KTRB, "The Voice of Central California," whose owner, William Bates, got the idea to warm the hearts and bodies of Vietnam casualties in this way. Announcements were made over the air daily. Quickly the afghans began to pour in.

Don Schneider, newscaster-truckdriver, made the official presentation to CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, and



Kicking off the Catholic Chapel fund drive were, from left to right, HMC William Carlin, LTJG Barbara Kalcik, Father Supple, CDR Ronald Bouterie, Father Durkin, and HM3 Rose Morganti. The fund will aid in the purchase of equipment for the Catholic Chapel in the new hospital.

Catholic Chapel Fund Honors Fr. Capodanno

Staff volunteers met recently with Catholic Chaplains Durkin and Supple to kick off the new Catholic Chapel fund drive.

Named to honor Fr. Vincent Robert Capodanno, N.M., the first Navy Chaplain killed in action in Vietnam, the funds collected for this memorial will aid in the purchase of Catholic Chapel equipment.

Chalice, Ciborium, Vestments, Tabernacle, Stations of the Cross—such items will be donated by Oak Knoll doctors, nurses, corpsmen and corpswives. Some civilians who regularly worship at Oak Knoll Chapel have also stepped forward to help.

The Chapel will be open for daily worship when the new hospital opens.

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then toured the wards, stopping to interview HM3 Ted Eichele, CPL Michael Reed, LCPL Robert Bliss, CPL Michael Bryant, and HM3 Robert Wilson whose voices warmed the hearts of the afghan donors.

Know Your Staff



Marvin Houk joined the Navy 15 years ago, during the Korean War. One of his first duty stations (1952-54) was Oak Knoll, where he was a ward corpsman and attended Lab Tech school. On 2 January, after duty on the USS ENTERPRISE, LT Marvin Houk returned to Oak Knoll to assume the duties of Assistant Chief of Patient Affairs.

LT Houk has attended both Rutgers and George Washington University through the Navy's Education Out-Service program. He graduated from the Naval School of Hospital Administration in Bethesda and hopes to complete his business administration major at California State College at Hayward.

"I wholeheartedly encourage young corpsmen to consider the opportunities available in the Medical Service Corps. They should look into the Education Out-Service program, which greatly reduces college expenses, and start their education while they're young," stressed the Lieutenant.

A native of Winchester, Indiana, LT Houk and his wife, Gwen, and their four children now make their home in Dublin. He enjoys golf, sports, and sleeping when he isn't studying.

CDR Rivera, Philippine Navy Chief Nurse, Departs for San Diego

TWO CHIEF NURSES — CDR Corazon D. Rivera, NC, Philippine Navy, and CDR Romaine Mentzer, NC, USN, had much to talk about when they conferred at Oak Knoll. "Miss Cora," as the attractive Philippine nurse was affectionately called by those who knew her best, recently completed 14 weeks of medical nursing training at Oak Knoll and departed for Naval Hospital and Corps School, San Diego, for three months study of nursing administration and supervision. She will spend a week at BuMed and then return to Manila to serve in the Office of Chief Surgeon, Headquarters, Philippine Navy.

Commander Rivera's colorful career began 25 years ago when



she was a third lieutenant serving at field hospitals with the guerilla forces. Also during WWII she served at the Mobile Hospital, Panay Island, Panay, P. I.

From 1957-62 CDR Rivera was Chief Nurse at V. Luna General Hospital, Quezon City, P. I. From 1962 to 1966 she was Chief of the Nurse Corps for the Armed Forces of the Philippines and during the year before she arrived at Oak Knoll was Chief Nurse of the Philippine Navy.

The distinguished and attractive trainee has her RN from Iliolo Mission Hospital, Iliolo City, P. I. In 1960, "after much evening study" she earned her BSN at the Philippine Women's University.

Federal Campaign Nets \$810,131 in Area Drive

A total of \$810,131 was raised in the 1967 Combined Federal Campaign in the five Bay Area Counties, an increase of 10 percent in contributions over last year, according to co-chairmen, Ken W. Dyal, Post Office Regional Director, and Lieutenant General Ben Harrell, Sixth U.S. Army Commander.

More than 100,000 servicemen and employees of almost 400 civilian units were responsible for the total. Over half the funds came from the U.S. Navy, including fleet units dispersed throughout the Pacific from Bay Area home ports. Oak Knoll personnel gave approximately \$7,000.

Under the sponsorship and direction of the Federal Executive Board in the Bay Area, The Combined Federal Campaign is conducted by the United Crusade as agent for the three groups of beneficiaries involved: 176 agencies affiliated with UBAC, 12 National Health Agencies and three International Service Agencies. The cost of administration—that is, of raising and distributing the funds—is less than three percent.

In seeking funds the emphasis was on financial support of agency services to persons needing help locally, nationally and overseas.

The increase in contributions is nearly 50 percent since 1965 when the Combined Federal Campaign merged three separate campaigns.

By pre-campaign agreement, United Crusade agencies receive 79 percent of the funds raised. Receiving 16.4 percent are the National Health Agencies: Arthritis, Blindness, Cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Easter Seals, Heart, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy and Retarded Children. International Service Agencies — American Korean Foundation, CARE and Project Hope—are allotted 4.6 percent.

Scuttlebutt

NEW NAME: H. McFrank Golden. That's the way a letter was addressed to the well known E&T HMC recently.

WEDDING BELLS WILL RING tomorrow at 1700 in the Treasure Island Chapel for LCDR Robert N. Conrad, MC, USN, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Pugh, a United Airlines stewardess from Montgomery, Ala. Chaplain Austin will conduct the double ring ceremony, and fellow surgeons and friends of the bridegroom will form the traditional arch of swords as the couple leaves the chapel. . . . And in the Knoll Chapel at 1200 CPL John Lalancette, a Vietnam casualty, will claim Miss Cathy Filomeo of Concord as his bride, with Father Supple officiating.

RANDOM SIGHTS & SOUNDS: HM3 Gary Lubarsky and wife Nancy moving to Vallejo, where "Ski" will be on duty at the Mare Island Dispensary. . . . An unidentified WAVE saying to another UW: "Go ahead and ask him. This IS leap month."

LIFE BEGAN 3 February for Patrick Anthony Piscatelli, 7 lb. 6½ oz. son of LCDR Robert Piscatelli of Medical Service and wife Denise.



CAS workers, manning the phones, from left are, Gloria Grasso, Lillian Winfield, June Bliss, and Gladys Mitchell, Joyce Bradley, Civilian Supervisor, and ENS Nathan Sessions, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Outpatient Service, look on.

Are You Eligible for Disabled Benefits?

You may be eligible for a monthly payment from social security. If you have children, your wife and children could also qualify for a monthly benefit.

There are two basic requirements you must meet. The first is that you are disabled and expect it to be at least one year or longer before you can return to work or full duty. The second is that you have worked for a certain length of time. If you are under age 24 you need to have worked under social security (including active duty) for at least one and one-half years. Those of you who are over 24 need slightly more work.

There is a Social Security Office at the Hospital in Building 133. A Social Security Representative is there Tuesday and Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions or want to file an application, please report there. If you are unable to get there, please tell the Ward Nurse, and someone will come to see you.

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U.S. Savings Bonds are the present with a future. Buy them at your bank, and ask for the free gift envelope.



Central Appointment System Workers Make 1000 Appointments a Day

Telephones ring at least 560 times a day in the busy Outpatient Central Appointment System (CAS) office. Nearly 1000 appointments are made each day by CAS workers Lillian Winfield, supervisor, June Bliss, Gloria Grasso and Gladys Mitchell. Between calls they make appointments over-the-counter and by mail.

Appointments are made for 20 different clinics, scheduled on various days at different hours. Individual doctors' schedules must also be considered when making appointments. A schedule for each doctor is kept on a card. The cards are grouped in departments, which are filed by date. The file is placed on a revolving table within reach of all four desks, thus as requests for appointments come in, schedules can be checked and dates recorded quickly.

Each patient calling in for an appointment must be screened to verify which clinic he should attend.

Outpatient records are pulled the evening prior to the clinic and are delivered with the appointment schedules to the various departments.

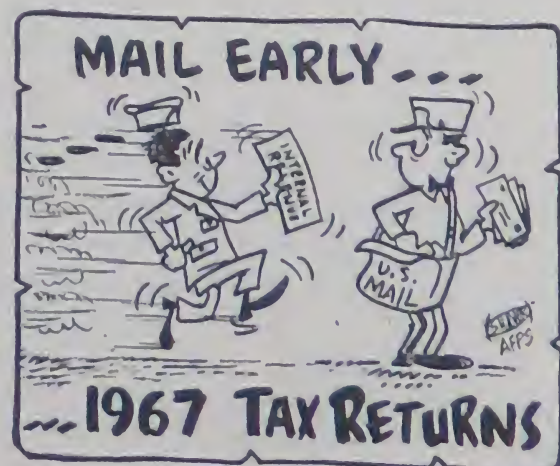
Since CAS was organized in November 1964 it has greatly increased the efficiency with which outpatient appointments are handled. Prior to its establishment each clinic scheduled its own appointments, but CAS has enabled the hospital to reduce by 75 percent the number of employees required to schedule appointments. This has resulted in more personnel for direct patient care functions; it has made it possible for medical officers to use more efficiently time allotted for patient care; it has improved the collecting of outpatient statistical data; it has reduced the number of miss-

ing records, and it has reduced waiting time for patients.

ENS N. M. Sessions, Administrative Assistant, Outpatient Service, praised the CAS workers. "Their ability to meet the public continually amazes me. They are able to pacify the irate and assure the worried. Patience is their outstanding attribute.

"When meeting the public, you speak with people from all over the world. Sometimes you almost have to be an interpreter," noted Lillian Winfield. "For instance, I remember receiving a phone call from a woman with an oriental accent. 'I need an appointment,' she said. I then asked her who she wanted to see, but she answered, 'A doctor.' I then asked her what kind of doctor and she replied, 'Doctor no-make-a-baby.' It was then that I realized she wanted an appointment in the Family Planning Clinic. Another caller had a difficult problem. She insisted on an appointment on 15 February, but it couldn't be on a Thursday."

Cards and letters are often sent to CAS by appreciative patients. "They're just a wonderful group," said Joyce Bradley, supervisor to civilians and secretary to the Administrative Assistant of Outpatient Service. "You couldn't ask for more conscientious, loyal or cooperative workers."



SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Mighty MI Eliminates 'Toppers From 12ND Basketball Tournament

By Ron Brown

Despite 14-point performances by Bill Walls and Chris Valdez, the Oak Knoll basketball team just couldn't overcome a 47 to 24 half-time deficit at the hands of Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Not being in good condition seemed to be Oak Knoll's biggest problem, along with only playing one game prior to meeting Mare Island, that being a 93 to 66 loss to Treasure Island. Mare Island had played some 35 ball games prior to the 12ND Tournament.

In the second half, Oak Knoll came back strong, and it looked for awhile they might trim the lead Mare Island had accumulated, but this was short-lived as Mare Island started to hit from the outside and matched the Hilltoppers bucket for bucket. Mare Island outscored Oak Knoll 37 to 32 points in the 2nd half, which gives an idea of the closeness during that period.

Substitutions were made frequently throughout the contest for Oak Knoll, to give all players the much needed rest.

John Martin and John Hough aided their team's cause by splitting the net for 7 points each. Dr. Bagshaw followed closely with six points, along with Dr. Candy, who garnered 5. Baggett scored 2 points, and Ed Niec hit a free throw to round out the Hilltoppers' scoring.

Not scoring but playing well were Greg Welch, Jim Gloyd, and John Smith.

Women's Volleyball Team Loses to WACs

The Oak Knoll Waves lost their first league volleyball encounter to the Letterman WACs by scores of 15-10 and 15-13 last Thursday night at the Oakland Army Sports Arena. This was opening night for the league, and most of the teams were tight, but as the league progresses, the Oak Knoll team is confident it can reverse the first night's results.

Representing the Knoll will be LTJG Susan Haberkorn, MSC; LTJG Sharon Kosch, NC; HM1 Mary Donahue, HM2s Barbara Stevenson and Sandra Sykes; HM3 Rose Morganti; DK3 Theresa Maikranz; HNs Karen Klink, Claudia Ellquist, Diane Jacobson, Christine Johnston, Charlene Metrano and Ellen Stover, HAs Arlene Elliott, Joan Martin, and Susan Strayer, and SA Joyce Wilcox.

The team will play the Presidio WACs at 1800 Thursday, 22 February, at the Oakland Army Sports Arena.

A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT SALUTING

The manner of executing the salute is an outward demonstration of an individual's attitude toward his duties and his unit. A sloppy, grudging salute indicates neglect of duties and lack of confidence in the military team of which he is a member. A smartly executed salute denotes pride and ability to perform.

More profoundly, the salute is a declaration of loyalty to the United States and the principles of liberty and justice upon which the nation was founded. So next time, make it smart!

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No one gains in races with trains.

Dial 593 . . .

Country and Western Music comes to the Oakland Coliseum 2 March. Tickets for the evening performance starring Ray Price will be available in the Special Services office for a nominal fee.

Tickets for all home games played by the Seals hockey team may be purchased for the discount price of 50 cents. Tickets may be purchased from Special Services.



A color television was presented to Oak Knoll 28 January by the Alameda County Men's Bowling Association in behalf of the California Bowlers' Victory Legion. CBVL annually raises \$70,000 for the purchase of gifts for military and veteran hospitals throughout the state. Other recent CBVL gifts to Oak Knoll have included bowling balls and 15 portable television sets. Here to present the color TV were (from left) Helen Crisp, president, Alameda County Women's Bowling Association; Leo Sanchez, president, ACMBBA; Earl Arehart, secretary of ACMBBA; Margie Holmes, chairman of Alameda County BVL; and Elaine Hagan, director, California Women's Bowling Association. CAPT David B. Rulon, XO, accepted the gifts for the hospital.



Oak Knoll patient CPL Craig Albers chats with Arnold Palmer as he signs autographs on the 16th tee at Pebble Beach during the annual Bing Crosby Tournament. Also in the crowd were PFC Gregory George, RM1 Carl Harnishfeger, LCPL Wayne Almon, and CPL Greg Chapen. Twenty-five Oak Knoll patients watched the golf tournaments as guests of the Special Services Department of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

Intra Basketball Off to Flying Start

The 1968 Oak Knoll Intramural Basketball League got off to a flying start last Wednesday night. Surgery easily defeated Urology 56-19 and Ward 62 whitewashed Marine Liaison 63-31 with PT/Dental rounding out the evening with a thriller over Ward 50 by score of 35-21.

Welch of Surgery led all scorers in the first game with 25 points. Anders and Stone of Urology each had 7.

Lawrence and Johnson shared scoring laurels in the Ward 62 vs Marine Liaison encounter with 12 points each, followed by Atkins with 12. Faiola of Marine Liaison netted 12 in a losing cause. Hess of PT/Dental copped scoring honors for his team as did his opponent Walls of Ward 50, each garnering 9 points. Niec of PT/Dental followed with 8 points.

Team Standings as of 8 February

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
1. Surgery	1	0	1.00
2. Ward 62	1	0	1.00
3. PT/Dental	1	0	1.00
4. Lab/CSR	0	0	.00
5. EENT/Phcy	0	0	.00
6. Project 49	0	0	.00
7. Urology	0	1	.00
8. Marine Liaison	0	1	.00
9. Ward 50	0	1	.00

Top Ten Scorers

Player	Team	Games	Total Points
1. Welch	Surgery	1	25
2. Lawrence	Ward 62	1	12
3. Johnson	Ward 62	1	12
4. Atkins	Ward 62	1	12
5. Faiola	Marine Liaison	1	12
6. Murohy	Ward 62	1	12
7. Walls	Ward 50	1	9
8. Hess	PT/Dental	1	9
9. Measles	Surgery	1	8
10. Niec	PT/Dental	1	8
Kimble	Surgery	1	8

Games scheduled for 21 February are as follows:

- 1900 Urology vs. EENT/Pharmacy
- 2000 Lab/SSR vs. Surgery
- 2100 Project 49 vs. Ward 62
- COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

All games are to be played at King Junior High every Wednesday night.

—usn—

"It is harder to be a good winner than a good loser; one has less practice."

—usn—

ALAMEDA NAVY WIVES TO HEAR CANCER TALK

Mrs. Paul Melvin, Field Representative for the American Cancer Society Alameda Branch, will be the guest speaker at 20 February meeting of the Alameda #108 Navy Wives' Club as 1930. A film on cancer will also be featured.

Tickets will be on sale to supplement the club's welfare fund and the holder of the winning ticket will receive a beautiful hand-painted tablecloth made by Mrs. Tom Fuller, a member of Alameda #108.

Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in Building 135, 1930, at Alameda Naval Air Station. Membership is open to wives of enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

—usn—

There was a record 26 million veterans in civil life in the United States at the end of 1967, the Veterans Administration announced.

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LCDR Thomas E. Carson commended for service at DaNang.

Dermatology Chief Cited for Service In DaNang, RVN

LCDR Thomas E. Carson, who reported here as Chief, Dermatology Service, 26 January, has been commended for meritorious service to the Station Hospital, Naval Support Activity, DaNang, RVN, from 4 January to 21 December 1967.

"Lieutenant Commander Carson was the only dermatology specialist in the I Corps Tactical Zone during the greater part of his tour. He gave selflessly of his time and skills to all patients, both military and civilian, demonstrating outstanding professional knowledge and reliability and working long hours without complaint . . . By his outstanding performance of duty under arduous living and working conditions in an advanced combat area, Lieutenant Commander Carson made a significant contribution to the ability of this command to accomplish its mission," the commendation states.

The new Chief of Dermatology earned his MD from State University of Iowa in 1960. He trained in his specialty at NH, San Diego, and the University of Pennsylvania and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology. He and his wife Shirley and their four children are living in Castro Valley.

"Hello" Not Here, But "Dere"!

Latest word on "Operation Hello Dere" with Marty Allen and Steve Rossi, who are currently appearing at the Americana Hotel in New York, is that the operation has been postponed indefinitely. And that's definite . . . we think!

Freedoms Foundation Letter Wins Medal For LTJG Kosch

LTJG Sharon E. Kosch, NC, was among the Honor Medal winners in the annual Freedoms Foundation Awards contest.

Somewhat shy about her success, she preferred not to have her letter published in the OL, but Kenneth D. Wells, president of the Foundation, described her entry as "an outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of the American Way of Life."

The subject this year was "Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility."

Top winner, who received a check for \$1,000, was a State Department employee.

Semmens & Lamers Co-Author Book—'Teen-Age Pregnancy'

"Teen-Age Pregnancy" is the title of a new book co-authored by CAPT J. P. Semmens, MC, USN, Chief of OB-GYN, and LCDR W. M. Lamers, MC, USNR, former member of the Neuropsychiatry Service staff.

The book is for professionals interested in offering the adolescent female aid and guidance in solving her obstetric and emotional problems.

In addition to his work here, Captain Semmens serves as consultant in Family Life Education for Hayward Unified School District and has lectured widely in this field. Doctor Lamers is Medical Director of Tamalpais Montessori Center for Disturbed Children and consultant to Ross Psychiatric Center, Marin County.



When a Red Cross Gray Lady visits a patient, it isn't news, except when the patient is her son, CPL Raymond A. Eckert, Jr., USMC. Furthermore the patient and his mother, Leslie, took a good look at each other at Oak Knoll once before—on 26 November 1947. That was over on the maternity ward the day Raymond was born. The corporal's father, a Navy lieutenant now serving as Maintenance Control Officer with VO 67 in Thailand was then stationed at NAS, Alameda. Those two last met when Lieutenant Eckert flew to Yokosuka, Japan, to pin on the first of two Purple Hearts Raymond earned in Vietnam. The young Marine is the oldest of six children in the family.

Horse & Buggy Era Communications Will be OUT When We Are IN: 1st of a Series on New Hospital Features

To help make transition to the new hospital as smooth as possible, the OAK LEAF will publish in each issue a description of various features that will make for greater efficiency than has been possible in the old "temporary" buildings. Today: The Communications Systems.

The Navy bus rounds the corner at 2300 returning from Travis AFB with a load of AIREVAC patients. The information desk calls the telephone operator.

"Please locate the Orthopedic Watch Officer, the Surgical Watch Officer, and the Nursing Supervisor and tell them that the Travis run has arrived." The operator begins the ritual of calls—"Sorry,

Doctor Young has just left for Intensive Care." She calls another number. And another. This situation and countless similar ones occur every day.

Increasing size and specialization makes effective communications very significant to the modern hospital. The present system of communications will be vastly improved following the move to the new hospital in July. We will move from the "horse and buggy" era to the time of sophisticated communication systems.

The new hospital will have two paging systems; a radio paging system and an audible system. Each has its advantages and spe-

cial applications.

The basic purpose of a paging system is to locate someone who moves about the hospital and to deliver a message to him. Lightweight pocket radio pagers will be assigned on a selective basis to physicians, nursing supervisors, and key administrative personnel, who will pick up their pagers upon entering the hospital. A loop antenna has been installed throughout the new hospital.

Selective and private one-way communication is provided by the radio pagers. The operator will be asked to page the surgical watch officer; she will dial his pager

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

WAS CHICKEN LITTLE RIGHT?

On a recent production of the Rowen and Martin "Laugh In" television program, a "gnu's" flash was inserted across the bottom of the screen. It read: "CHICKEN LITTLE WAS RIGHT . . . THE SKY IS FALLING." My first reaction was to laugh. My second was to think about the statement. My third was to partially agree.

I think that one of the characteristics of our age is precisely that the sky is falling for a growing number of persons. It is not the stars which have lost their orbits, but that unknown sky which symbolized the abode of the gods has been caving in. Many of our cherished ideals are being shattered. Many of the principles on which we molded our lives no longer appear relevant since the world to which those principles were applied no longer exists. The old gods are dying.

When the gods expire and the edicts which they have handed down begin to crumble, it is extremely uncomfortable to be a mere mortal. We mortals must have our gods . . . and we do have them . . . each of us . . . whether or not we recognize them as our gods. Our gods are those things or that thing which we hold to be most essential for our existence. They are those principles, structures, laws, concepts of reality which claim our primary allegiance. They may or may not have any relevance to the gods we claim to serve because a man's god is actually that reality perspective which he expresses in his day to day existence. What *really* motivates us to live? Love . . . peace . . . brotherhood?—or is it security, power, prestige, dominion over others, recognition? Find the answer and we will recognize our god.

Each god has his own set of laws and principles, which are accepted as eternal truths by his followers. The "good" are those things which allow us to achieve our goal; the "bad" are those things that stand in our way.

But the gods are dying—at least those whom we were taught to serve are losing the battle for their lives. Mass communications, the knowledge explosion, technological advances and a thousand other modern demitheologizers have revealed to us the finiteness of our gods. Hopelessness and meaninglessness often move in to fill the gap in our lives left by their exit. We become increasingly perplexed over the problems that confront us—from the international scene to those in our personal lives. I think it is highly probable that the trend will continue.

For those who need strength for these times—and I suspect this is all of us—I would offer this verse by Edwin Markham. With it we may discover that Chicken Little was NOT right—he had simply been living with a distorted idea of what the sky is.

"HERE IS THE TRUTH IN A LITTLE CREED,
ENOUGH FOR ALL THE ROADS WE GO:
IN LOVE IS ALL THE LAW WE NEED.
IN CHRIST IS ALL THE GOD WE KNOW."

—H. R. Turnbow, Protestant Chaplain

Vietnam Hero Wears Silver Star and Wedding Ring



LT Robert J. Novack, USNR, 29, of Passaic, N. J., who earned the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action during his second tour in Vietnam as commander of a PBR section, assumed new duties last Saturday when he claimed Miss Susan G. Baldwin of Oakland as his bride.

The ceremony took place in the Catholic Oratory, with Father Supple officiating. Miss Heather Sanders of San Francisco was maid of honor, and Joseph R. Novack of Parsippany, N. M., served his brother as best man. A dinner at the Alameda Naval Air Station Officers' Club followed the exchange of vows.

The new Mrs. Novack is a 1960 graduate of Stockton College. The bridegroom earned his BS degree from Mount Saint Mary's



Members of the Officers' Wives' Club got a preview of the new hospital when Admiral Irons spoke to them at their 14 February luncheon. With him, from left, are Mrs. C. C. Atkins, her guest, Mrs. W. E. Follett, and Mrs. R. P. Dobbie, luncheon chairman. During the cocktail hour preceding the Valentine luncheon, Norma Matalon, Revlon representative, demonstrated make-up techniques.

Next event on the club calendar is the 20 March fashion luncheon at which wives of officers in the ENT, Urology, and Dermatology Services will be hostesses. The fashions will be supplied by Permans.

New Communications For New Hospital

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number. A signal from his pocket pager will inform the doctor that he is about to receive a message, and then "Please report immediately to the Emergency Clinic." Communication of a message has occurred quietly and quickly with a minimum of disruption of hospital routine.

The audible paging system, or loud speakers, will serve as a backup system to the primary radio paging system and will be tied to the background music distribution speakers located throughout the hospital. Audible paging will be carefully controlled to avoid excessive noise and will be used to page persons not assigned a radio pager or to make announcements concerning large groups of staff members, such as announcements of a medical conference.

Know Your Staff

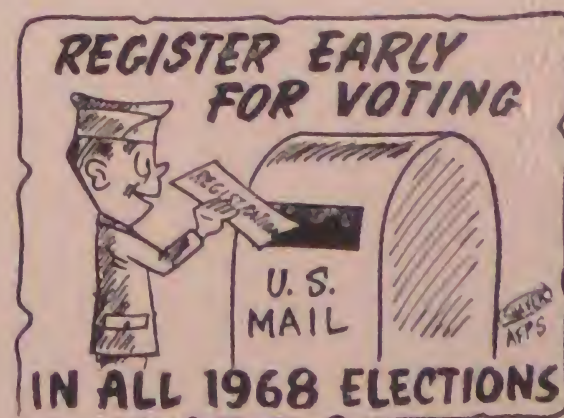


HM1 Kathy Landers, a pert Miss from Columbus, Ohio, joined the Navy in 1952 seeking adventure, "and it's been one," says she. At Oak Knoll since last March, Kathy has rotated through PT, the Ortho Clinic, Staff Pers, and OOD's Office, to her present job in the Physical Examination Clinic, 67B.

Teaching at Corps School, Great Lakes, she considers the highlight of her career. "The Hospital Corps means so much to me, and I really enjoyed instructing the young corpsmen. They're so bright and work so hard. They restore one's faith in the younger generation," said not-so-old-herself Kathy.

"My hobby? Budgeting my time," said the trim Corps WAVE, who somehow manages to attend the symphony, opera, ballet, a theater, to swim, travel, and study English at Chabot College.

Kathy's post-retirement plans include completing work for her credential and teaching third or fourth graders somewhere near her family home.



Scuttlebutt

NAMES: CORPORAL MAJOR is a patient on 76B. He's from Eugene, Ore., and his other names are Richard Dean.

ATTENTION, GENERAL MOTORS and Mr. Nader. Commander Holm was late to work one day last week, but he telephoned in an excellent reason. The motor suddenly dropped out of his Corvair!

DID YOU KNOW that March is one of the year's greatest months, week-wise and otherwise? Next week, for example is National Procrastination Week. National Peanut Week and Save Your Vision Week follow. Girl Scout Week is 10-16 March. National Accordion Week, National Poison Prevention, and National Wildlife Weeks are concurrent from 17 to 23 March. Art Week begins the 24th. The Swallows will return to Capistrano the 19th. The whole month of course is Red Cross Month. The CEC 101st Anniversary is 2 March and the Seabees 26th Anniversary 6 March. Of course the Navy Relief Annual Meeting is the 14th, the American Legion's 49th Anniversary is the 15th, St. Patrick's Day is the 17th. Sharing The Ides (15th) is Buzzard Day.

AND IN CASE you thought this week that Spring had come, it hasn't, but it will arrive at 11:22 a.m. PST, 20 March.

LIFE BEGAN 20 February for Helen Susan Beebe, 7 lb. 4 oz. daughter of LT David Beebe, Internal Medicine, and wife Susan. . . . 16 February for Debbie Ann Candelario, 6 lb. 10 3/4 oz. daughter of HM3 Oscar Candelario, EENT School, and wife Elsie. . . . 18 February for Gerald Edward Lakins, Jr., 7 lb. 11 oz. son of former staffer HM2 Gerald E. Lakins, and wife Joan. The happy father is now aboard USS GRAFFIAS (AF 29) home ported at Alameda. . . . 23 February for Andrea Michel Roeder, 8 lb. 7 oz. daughter of HM3 James Roeder of Neuropsychiatry Service, and wife Kathy.

WEDDING BELLS RANG for Eve Frostad of Patient Affairs on 7 February when she became Mrs. Ernest Barber. Eve met Ernest, a merchant seaman, through mutual friends. They make their home in San Leandro.

carving, "A Moment in Silence," depicts a conductor's hands with baton poised. Joerg has deep respect for music and plays both the violin and viola, but does not plan to make music his career. He hopes to become a dentist.



HN Joerg Koschik

East German-Born HN Photographs Fractures As His Own Mends

HN Joerg Koschik, who as a young boy made a daring escape from East Germany, is at Oak Knoll after meeting his Waterloo on ice skates and breaking his left arm.

In East Germany the Koschik family had sheltered a friend who was sought by the police and feared that the police would arrest them. In 1956, leaving all their possessions, clothing, money, and home, they fled to West Germany where they stayed in a refugee camp until coming to the United States in 1959. The family now lives in Belmont and Paul Koschik, Joerg's father, who was the 1st violinist with the Eisenach Symphony in Germany, plays with the Oakland Symphony.

HN Koschik was stationed at NAS Lemoore before being admitted to Oak Knoll. Here he works in the Orthopedic Clinic developing X-rays. He has been permanently assigned to Oak Knoll until his discharge in July when he hopes to return to Germany to visit relatives and friends. "I would like to visit East Germany, but that will depend on whether it seems likely that I can get out again," added Joerg with a smile.

Besides ice skating, skin diving, and camping, Joerg enjoys photography, collecting old medals and guns, and, in his spare time, works on his wood carving. He took up wood carving because it is a self taught hobby which few people have. "I like to be an individualist," said the jovial HN. His wood

Oakland Marine Earns Bronze Star

Oaklander CPL Gregory J. Kleven, who returned 13 November as a patient at Oak Knoll after being wounded in Vietnam, recently received the Bronze Star from COL L. D. Grow, CO of TI Marine Barracks.

On 17 October as a member of a long range reconnaissance patrol which came under intense enemy fire, LCPL Kleven with complete disregard for his own safety, occupied a precarious position in the patrol's defensive perimeter and "ignoring the heavy volume of enemy fire around him, delivered suppressive fire against the hostile force. Suddenly an enemy hand grenade landed near his position and he was knocked to the ground by the force of the explosion which wounded him in the chest. Almost immediately he sustained three wounds in his back from enemy small arms fire. Despite his painful injuries he resolutely gained a firing position and killed two enemy soldiers who were attempting to penetrate the defensive perimeter in his sector. . . . His aggressive fighting spirit and calm



presence of mind in the face of extreme personal danger were an inspiration to all who observed him . . ." the citation read in part.

Kleven joined the Marines immediately following his graduation in 1966 from St. Elizabeth's High School in Oakland. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kleven, live at 2127 - 39th Avenue in Oakland.

President Orders CSC to Provide Employment for Vietnam Veterans

Washington, D. C. (AFPS) — President Johnson has ordered the Civil Service Commission to provide Vietnam veterans with employment under "transitional appointments" in grades 1 through 5 without taking a competitive examination.

Qualified Vietnam veterans who have completed less than one year of education beyond high school, meet all other civil service requirements, and served on active duty in the armed forces on or after 5 August, 1964 will be eligible to enter federal employment provided they agree to pursue a full-time or part-time educational program under the GI Bill.

Those who apply for an appointment and are hired will be subject to:

- (1) The satisfactory performance of assigned duties;
- (2) The satisfactory completion,

within a reasonable time set by the Civil Service Commission, of not less than one year of full-time approved educational or training program, the equivalent thereof, or two years of full-time approved education or training when an employee has not completed high school or its equivalent.

Personnel eligible for appointment must be hired within one year after separation from the armed forces, a year following release from hospitalization or treatment immediately following separation from the armed forces, or a year after the effective date of the executive order, whichever is later.

"For those with the necessary initiative and ability, this new program—together with the GI Bill—offers a chance for both further education and better jobs," the President said.

Defense Department Announces New Design for Service Flag and Pin

The Department of Defense has established the design for a new service flag and service lapel button similar to those used during World War II.

The service flag may be displayed

played at the residence of members of the immediate family of an active member of the armed forces during a period of war or hostilities. It also may be displayed during such periods by organizations which have members in the armed forces. The lapel button may be worn during these periods by members of a serviceman's immediate family.

The design for both the service flag and lapel button is basically the same as in World War II, a blue star on a white field surrounded by a red border. For families with two or more members of the armed forces on active duty, a smaller gold star will be superimposed over and within the border of the original blue star.

Both the flag and button must be procured from commercial sources.

—NAVNEWS



Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant are, in the front row from left to right, Mary C. Moses, Beverly Jean Collins, Carolyn Ann Mellon, Patricia Ann Novak, and Bonnie Jean Herl. In the second row are Esther L. Peabody, Arlene P. Inskeep, Thomas A. Neyens, Mary Ann Rowland, and Mary E. Holter, all of the Nurse Corps. Also promoted to Lieutenant but not pictured is Howard Ronald Turnbow of the Chaplain Corps.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Ward 62 Takes Commanding Lead In Intramural Basketball League

By Ron Brown

Behind the sharpshooting of Chuck Lawrence and Gene Johnson (currently one and two in the "Top Ten Scorers") Ward 62 by virtue of 3 straight wins has gone out in front to set the pace in the Oak Knoll Intramural Basketball League.

Lawrence has jumped way out in front as he pumped in 34 points last Wednesday against Project 49. He boasts a 21.3 point game average, with 64 points in 3 games. His teammate Johnson is trailing with a 16.3 point game average.

In their game of 14 February Ward 62 nosed out pre-season favorite PT/Dental 35-34, with Lawrence netting 11, followed by Johnson with 8. Scoring honors went to Dr. Jack Bagshaw of PT/Dental who muscled in 14 points on 6 field goals and 2 free throws.

Ward 50 evened their season's record at 1 and 1 as they easily won 66-21 over Project 49.

Hough of Ward 50 jumped into the scoring picture with his 17 points following a disappointing opening game night with only 2 points. He now has 19 points in 2 games and is 5th among the Top Ten. Following Hough for Ward 50 in the game against Project 49 were Slattery and Casper, each splitting the net for 10 points. Leading scorer for Project 49 was Cantrell with 7, followed by Macsata with 5.

Marine Liaison Nudges By Lab/CSR 38-30

Led by Maher with 12 points, Marine Liaison shocked Lab/CSR 38-30 last week, to serve notice that they will be in the running for the coveted first place trophies. Faiola and Moffett aided their teams cause with 8 each. Individual high scorer in this game went to LTJG Joe Beene of the Lab Team, who scored 16 points on 7 field goals and 2 free throws. Priest also contributed 6 for the losers.

EENT/Pharmacy Wins First Game

With Kneebone and Echols garnering 15 and 14 respectively, EENT/Pharmacy defeated a determined Urology team, 44 to 32. Urology only trailed 18-13 at half, but with Kneebone getting 9 of his 15 points in the second half and Echols 10 of his 14, they just couldn't overcome the lead.

Edmonson did manage to score 13 for Urology, followed by Anders with 8.

Surgery Loses to Lab/CSR, 39-23

Behind the sharpshooting of Gloyd, Graber, and Beene, netting 11, 9, and 9 points respectively, Lab/CSR won their first game after a disappointing first game loss to Marine Liaison.

Welch, who had led the league in scoring, with his opening game 25 points fell to 3rd in the top ten as he only scored 6. He now has 31 in 2 games for a 15.5 game average. Paulson was high scorer for Surgery.

Games on 6 March

1900 Surgery vs PT/Dental

2000 Urology vs Lab/CSR

2100 EENT/Pharmacy vs Project 49

All games are played at King Junior High School.

NOTICE

Turned into the Athletic Director at 21 February game were two wristwatches. Please identify and pick up in the Director's office, Bldg. 38, Room 229.

Waves Win Match With Presidio WACs

Led by team captains LTJG Sue Haberkorn and HM1 Mary Donahue, the Oak Knoll WAVES, after losing the opening game 15-10 to the Presidio WACs came back to win the next two games 15-10 and 15-9, their first win of the season.

Next Thursday, the Knollites take on a strong Hawaiian team called "Wela Kahau's." Game time is set for 1900 at the Oakland Army Base.

Come out and support your team.



RADM E. P. Irons presented certificates of advancement to seventeen staff corpsmen on 16 February. They are, in the front row (from left to right), HM3s Wayne J. Tanous, Michael J. Chamberlin, HM2 Julie A. Miller, HM3 Richard J. Nolte, and HM1 William H. Anders. In the back row are HM3 Frank A. Cooper, HM2 Ronny G. Tidwell, HM3s Richard G. Rintamaki, Jerry W. Boyce, HM2s Jeffrey L. Morris, John M. Magner, James A. Jellison, HM1 Raymond Rangel, HM2 Richard J. Sheldahl, and HM3 Kenneth B. Clark. Also receiving advancements, but not pictured are HM3s David M. Canning and Stephen T. Peterson.



Camping in Gendreau Circle? Well not quite! HMC Don Bailey, Special Services is just looking at the interior of one of the two Apache Camper Trailers recently purchased by Special Services.

The campers, which will be available in early March for check-out by military staff personnel, have sleeping accommodations for six.

Even a fragile female might chance the outdoor life in one of the modern camper trailers which contain ice chest, stove and "formica" topped table.

Intramural Table Tennis Tourney Scheduled to Start 11 March

The 1968 Intramural Table Tennis Tournament will begin 11 March. A maximum of 4 singles players and two doubles teams may be entered from each unit/department/ward. The type of tournament that will be run, will be determined by the number of entries. It will either be single or double elimination.

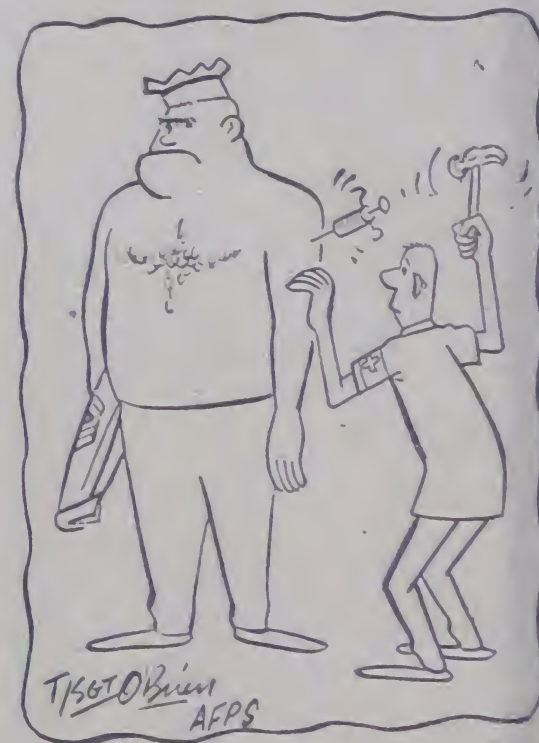
Best two out of three games to win 15 points in singles and 21 points in doubles. First and second place trophies will be awarded in

singles and doubles. The four to singles players will represent Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in the 12ND Table Tennis Championships to be held at NAS Moffett on 16-18 April at 1900. Entry blanks can be obtained from the Athletic Director and should be returned to him no later than 1200 5 March in Room 229 Bldg. 38. Tournament eligibility requires that all participants be active duty military personnel officer or enlisted, stationed at Oak Knoll.

Mens' Volleyball Needs More Players

Anyone interested in playing volleyball under the Oak Knoll banner is urged to contact team captain LT Larry Nelson at Ext. 273. The team is short players and would like more players to form a team to enter the 12ND Championships held at NAS Alameda Tuesday and Wednesday, 12-13 March 1968.

Contact either Dr. Nelson, Ext. 273, or the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264.



DOD Announces Increase in Strength

Defense Department has announced total numerical strength on 31 December 1967 was 3,398,711.

The total for each service, including regulars and reserves on active duty, officer candidates, cadets at the Military and Air Academies and midshipmen at the Naval Academy, are: Army, 1,463,002; Navy 746,617; Marines, 298,486; and Air Force, 890,606.

The 1967 figure is about 65,000 more than the 1966 year-end total.

All Hands Hear This!

Oak Knoll is acknowledged to be one of the finest hospitals in the Navy from the standpoint of patient care, but esthetically it is far down the list. Much of this is due to our own negligence. That's the reason for the current all-out campaign to clean up the compound.

Litter cans are placed at convenient locations throughout the compound, and all hands are asked to cooperate by using them. NEVER be a litter bug. Keep litter off the roadways and ramps. Keep your work and living areas spotless. If all hands cooperate, the job will be easy, and we can take pride in our command's appearance as well as in its professional achievements.

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Friday, 15 March 1968



The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Master Chief Gunner's Mate Delbert D. Black, had an unexpected assignment during his 21 February visit to Oak Knoll. He assisted Admiral Irons at the ribbon cutting that marked reopening of the newly redecorated CPO Club. The two are well acquainted since Chief Black accompanied Admiral Irons during an inspection trip to Alaska last year.

MCPON Ready, Willing, and Able To Help Solve Problems of EM

Enlisted staffers recently had an opportunity to meet the Master Chief of the Navy GMCN Delbert D. Black. Chief Black is the first MCPON to serve in that capacity. His job is to help enlisted men and

even enlisted men's wives iron out grievances or personal problems.

Times have changed since grievances were almost sure to become hopelessly involved in red tape. Today the EM has a direct channel to MCPON, and MCPON has open door privileges with the Chief of Naval Personnel, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Secretary of the Navy.

In his talk to enlisted personnel Chief Black touched on subjects such as the pay raise, new uniforms, the possibility of some day eliminating out-of-bounds passes.

"I like to think my office is the office of 660,000 people, any one of whom may get in touch with me at any time," said the soft-voiced Chief Black, who was described in a local paper as a "soft-voiced Oklahoman with a military presence that could reduce an ordinary seaman to the limpness of a galley mop."

The main idea of his visit here was to let people know he is ready, willing, and able to help them.

Have YOU a problem? Then write:

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
Bureau of Naval Personnel
Pers-003
Washington, D.C. 20370

Year-Round Dental Care Offered For Children of Staff Members

Oak Knoll's Dental Service on 1 March began a new year-round program of preventive dentistry for children of staff personnel.

Through the voluntary efforts of dental officers and technicians a special children's dental health program has been conducted in the past three years in conjunction with Children's Dental Health Week, which is celebrated nationally in February.

"The new program, authorized by BuMed, will enable us to provide continuing treatment including the preventive measures that are such an important part of dental health," said CAPT R. A. Middleton, Chief of the Dental Service.

All dependent children of staff personnel between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible. They will be treated during the month of their birthday. Parents are urged to make appointments early in the month of their child's birthday. However, those who have had birthdays within the last four months should have appointments made for them now.

A complete dental examination including necessary X-rays, oral prophylaxis and topical fluoride treatment, instruction in proper oral hygiene, and emergency dental treatment including necessary extractions or other oral surgery procedures will be provided.

Following each appointment, parents will receive a memorandum advising them whether the child needs additional dental treatment or consultation.

Navy Relief Course For EM and O' Wives

Wives of both enlisted personnel and officers are wanted for Navy Relief volunteer work, and opportunity to train for service will be provided at a class to be conducted here from 22 April to 15 May.

The classes, taught by Mrs. Joan Borsic from Navy Relief Headquarters, Washington, D. C., will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1000 to 1300 in the Officers' Club board room.

Those wishing to enroll or to obtain further information are asked to call Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby at 261-1101.

Free baby-sitting service will be provided for those taking the course.

The above dates and days supersede those previously announced in THE OAK LEAF.

Chaplains Relocate

The Chaplains' Offices and Navy Relief are no longer located in BLDG 67A. Both have been moved to the Chapel. All chaplains and Navy Relief may be contacted by calling Ext. 240-241.



LCDR G. A. Wolff, Head of Oak Knoll's Cardiology Branch, right, acted as host 28 February when more than 50 fellow cardiologists came across the Bay from the American College of Cardiologists meeting in San Francisco for an afternoon clinic. Pictured with him, from left, are CDR Hugh S. Pratt, Jr., LCDR J. E. Goss, and LCDR Rafael F. Smith. Drs. Pratt and Smith, both from the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Fla., spoke on "Special Considerations in the Cardiology Evaluation of Naval Pilots." Dr. Goss, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, discussed "Differential Diagnosis of Continuous Murmurs in Adults." Also on the program was CDR J. N. Trone from NH, San Diego, whose subject was "Disqualifying Cardiovascular Disease in Navy and Marine Corps Recruits."

TV Debut Sunday For LT Walcutt

Knollites must rise early Sunday morning, for at 0830 LT Sharolyn K. Walcutt, NC, USN, will appear on KRON-TV, (Channel 4). The program is called Community Circle, and the host for this program will be the well known Art Brown of Channel 4's six o'clock news program.

Miss Walcutt will be one of several persons interviewed on the show.

Coming Monday—The Mike Winter Trio

The Mike Winter Trio will perform on the wards Monday evening. The trio sings both folk and rock songs to guitar accompaniment. It is currently recording in San Francisco. The talented three are Chuck Hawkins, Mike Stewart, and the beautiful Claudia Morandi, formerly Miss Italy of San Francisco.

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OUR CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Jesus used symbols again and again. He referred to himself as the Good Shepherd, the Door, the Light of the World, the True Vine. When He wanted to teach His disciples humble service, He girded Himself with a towel and washed their feet. To make vivid the opportunities for evangelism, He said to His disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest" (John 4:35). His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of an ass suggests that He was ready to announce His kingship. Many of His miracles and parables are filled with symbolism. The Christian Church throughout the world remembers the night when He instituted the blessed Sacrament, how He said, when He had taken bread and given thanks, "Take, eat; this is my body." In like manner He also took the cup.

Symbols are common in every walk of life. Every day we use symbols of friendship when we shake hands, nod or wave, or smile to someone; likewise when we send greeting cards, flowers, or gifts. In the world of thought we constantly use words which form ideas and experiences. In our schools we use letters and numbers in order to grade pupils, and bells to signify that school is to begin again or that a class period is over. The business world could hardly get along without checks to represent money in the bank.

There are two great values in symbols; devotional and educational. We say that there is devotional value in symbols because they help to remind us of the Christian faith. They create an atmosphere of worship and provide food for thought even before the prelude begins. They serve as means of expressing new interior decoration for the church.

During these Lenten days when you worship in the Chapel, why not make a special effort to study the symbolism in our Sanctuary.

CAPT H. E. AUSTIN, CHC, USN
Senior Chaplain

Navy Wives Club Seeks New Members

March is Membership Month for the Navy Wives Clubs of America. Membership is open to wives of enlisted men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard; active or retired. Associated membership is also open to the wives of the inactive reserves.

The meetings of N.W.C.A. Alameda #108 are the 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays of each month at 1930, Bldg. 135, NAS, Alameda. Free baby sitting is furnished by the club, but reservations are necessary.

For further information, call Virginia Felker, president, at 869-3041 or Dottie Bauer, vice president, at 521-1225.



CDR E. T. Flatley, CHC, who completed on 12 February a year of clinical pastoral training in the Neuropsychiatry Service is congratulated by RADM E. P. Irons as CAPT H. E. Austin, Senior Chaplain, and LCDR K. D. Rashid of Neuropsychiatry look on.

The Clinical Pastoral Training Program was established in 1962 by the Chief of Naval Personnel to enhance the chaplain's ministry and effectiveness, not just in hospitals but wherever his assignment may be. CDR Flatley will report to the Naval Support Facilities at Da Nang after completing a three-week survival course at Coronado, Calif.



SPRING and the flowering crab apple blossoms had already arrived in the O' Club courtyard when Mrs. E. P. Irons, Mrs. R. D. Shetterly, and Mrs. J. B. Edwards posed to publicize the Officers' Wives' Club fashion show to be held Wednesday.

Diaper Derby

Life began 29 February for Adrienne Sollaccio, 7 lb. 5½ oz. daughter of LCDR Peter A. Sollaccio, Internal Medicine, and wife Madeline . . . 2 March for Alfred James Tanous, 7 lb. 5½ oz. son of HM3 Wayne J. Tanous, Neuropsychiatry, and wife Karen . . . 4 March for Michael Anthony Wind, 9 lb. 15 oz. son of HA James Neal Wind, Orthopedics, and wife Linda . . . 6 March for Robert Nelson Reed, 7 lb. 1½ oz. son of LT Charles Reed, Pediatrics, and wife Carolyn.

Million Served By Bay Area USO

At the annual meeting of Bay Area USO, Inc., Gaynor H. Longsdorf, outgoing President, announced that 1,064,340 servicemen and women and their dependents were counted in the four USO units in 1967.

The San Francisco Unit averaged more than 52,000 door count every month; Oakland count was over 13,000; the Airport Lounge welcomed 19,000 monthly; and the Mobile Units entertained nearly 3,000 each month at activities on military bases in the Bay Area.

This is the first time the door count has exceeded one million persons, an increase of 135,218 service personnel over 1966 figures. Over 132,000 hours were contributed by 4,478 men, women and junior volunteers.

O' Wives to Model Spring Fashions At 20 March Meeting

Once a year Officers' Wives tread the runway displaying the latest in Spring Fashions. This year's show will provide entertainment (and temptation) at the O' Wives' Club luncheon Wednesday, first day of Spring.

Mrs. J. F. Rosborough is general chairman and commentator, with Mrs. P. K. Swartz providing piano accompaniment. Mrs. J. D. Real is luncheon chairman, with wives of officers in ENT, Urology, Physical Medicine, and Dermatology assisting.

Fashions will be by Permans of Southland and Sun Valley shopping centers, and Revlon make-up will be by Norma Matalon.

Models, in addition to those pictured above will be Mmes. R. F. Noble, B. E. Taylor, Art Holmboe, R. R. Skoglund, J. G. Chandler, Thomas Carson, J. T. Boone, Dave Davis, and R. F. Wicker.

If You Haven't Called . . .

Vietnam patients who did not make a free phone call at Travis may contact the Red Cross Office, Ext. 573 or 574, during the day or the Red Cross duty worker through the OOD's Desk evenings or on weekends for help in placing the call.



HM2 Donald Rickard

Meet a Character With a Camera

One of 200 qualified medical photographers in the entire Navy, HM2 Donald E. Rickard brings to Oak Knoll more than 10 years of experience in that field. As Senior Corpsman in Photo Arts, Rickard is responsible for photographing various medical cases and critical operations, processing film, making prints, producing duplicates of official documents, making color slides, and assisting doctors in the production of training aids.

Rickard, who joined the Navy in 1952, graduated from the now defunct civilian medical photo school at the Children's Medical Center in Boston, where in 1958 he filmed the open heart surgery of a young South American girl. These movies are still widely used as a training film for doctors. Rickard worked in plastic surgery in Bethesda, Md., and with the Fleet Marines in Hawaii, before being assigned to the photo lab at Yokosuka, Japan. Prior to coming to Oak Knoll in February he was a medical photographer aboard the USS REPOSE, stationed off Vietnam. While there he was the subject of a feature in the Com-ServPac Bulletin.

"During off duty hours," said the Bulletin, "Rick doesn't waste time." For instance, while he was stationed at NH, St. Albans, he became so well-known around New York City that he was called on to do publicity shots for the late Marilyn Monroe and freelanced for the New York Daily News. In San Diego, where he found he had some free time on his hands, he was granted a private investigator's license and dabbled in criminology. During his Hawaiian tour, Rickard taught dancing, and now at Oak Knoll he is working as part-time chef at the EM Club. When he finds time, the versatile, salty HM2 enjoys bowling, fishing, and listening to country and western music to which he sometimes plays the spoons!

But medical photography is Rickard's first love. "I was always torn between being a doctor and a photographer as a kid, so this job is, to me, the best of two possible worlds," said the Michigan-born corpsman, who recently bought a home in Vallejo, for his wife, Hiroko and their two children.

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The 14.8 million veterans of World War II now average 48 years of age, the Veterans Administration reports.

"SOS" for ARC

Funds Sought In Special Drive

For most Oak Knollites Red Cross probably means some assistance rendered or service given or a cheerful volunteer shopping for patients at the Navy Exchange or a bright afghan on a patient's bed. For the 17 Red Cross staff members and over 200 uniformed volunteers currently working at Oak Knoll it is something of a way of life in giving service and assistance to servicemen. Across the country Red Cross nationally is asking everyone's financial help so that it can continue to give service and be there when needed.

"Support Our Servicemen" (SOS) is the theme for the concentrated March fund campaign being conducted nationally to raise over \$120,000,000 to enable the Red Cross to carry on its committed services. Originally chartered in 1900 the Red Cross has two basic commitments under the charter: (1) to assist in disaster relief, and (2) to provide certain designated services for members of the armed forces and their families. Because the Red Cross has been doing exactly what it is supposed to do, it now faces a financial need unparalleled since World War II. A series of natural disasters including the destructive hurricanes in the southeast and the more recent floods in Alaska as well as the military build-up in Vietnam have increased expenses and drastically reduced the fund reserve.

Approximately 40% of every dollar contributed to the Red Cross goes for services to the armed forces and veterans and their families. With the increase of troops in Vietnam there has been a corresponding increase in the need for Red Cross staff to provide these services to men in the field and in hospitals in Vietnam and other places in the Far East. Meanwhile it is equally important that Red Cross continue its services in this country and in other overseas areas. "SOS" really means just that—Red Cross has every intention of continuing to serve, but they need public support in this March campaign to enable them to do so.

March is traditionally Red Cross month and in communities where it is not included in a United Crusade fund campaign there is active solicitation for contributions. In areas, such as Oakland, where Red Cross is part of a united fund drive the March appeal is a supplemental one but the need is urgent.

The SOS campaign was officially launched 1 March by President Johnson and is actively supported by national and local leaders such as Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. In commenting on Red Cross services in Vietnam General Westmoreland has this to say about it: "The outstanding performance of the Red Cross in support of our Armed Forces in Vietnam merits the wholehearted support of the American public. The men and women of the Red Cross go where they are needed — and they are needed in Vietnam."



FATHER MEETS SON: When young Michael Robert Reed arrived 3 March, a special meeting was arranged between him and his father, CPL Michael D. Reed, USMC. Corporal Reed, who was blinded by shrapnel and suffered severe fractures of both legs in action in Vietnam last October, donned mask and gown to "see" his 7 lb. 6 oz. boy when he was only a few hours old. Furthermore, Corporal Reed is now on 30 days' leave, happily learning some of the fundamentals of infant care from his wife Nancy, who was born with a talent for this sort of thing.

CALL 593 . . .

Reservations for the Apache campers are coming in fast. If you plan to check out a camper make your reservations now!

The swimming pool will be closed from 1900 to 2200 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for swimming classes.

The Anaheim Area is hosting a salute to the Armed Forces. The

program includes special two-day "Weekend Pass" ticket books to Disneyland, special priced tickets to Angel baseball games, servicemen's coupons to Melodyland Theater, and special priced lodging. Marines will be honored 19-21 April, Navy 26-28 April, Air Force 3-5 May, and Army 10-12 May. All branches of the Service are invited on each weekend. For more information call 593.



JUST IN CASE LCPL Robert Bliss of 76B isn't satisfied with the circulation his picture has already received, the OAK LEAF will get it into the hands of at least 2,000 more readers. The photo appeared in the American Telephone and Telegraph Company's annual report to its stockholders, of whom there are 3,110,074 scattered over the globe. And it may interest readers to know that the call the handsome young Marine from Downey, Calif., was making when the Bell System photographer snapped his picture was one of approximately 470 million counted by AT and T last year. Incidentally, the nurse handing him the phone is LTJG Patricia A. Moher.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

By RON BROWN

MARINE LIAISON TROUNCES PROJECT 49

With Faiola splitting the net for 15 pts. and earning 5th position on the "top ten scorers" list, Marine Liaison let Project 49 have it on the chin, 44 to 24. Maher, Dillon, and Clark each scored 6 for the Marines.

Although Project 49 had trouble scoring in the first half, Al Macsata kept them in the game with some timely shots. At the half, Project 49 trailed 8-18, Al making all 8 pts. He ended the night with 14, which placed him 3rd in the "top ten" with 39 pts. in 3 games. Cantrell of Project 49 scored 5 in the second half.

PT/DENTAL SCORERS BESIEGE LAB/CSR

Using a balanced scoring attack, PT/Dental's 11 men all got into the scoring column, led by Graves, Martin, Nile, Hess, and Bagshaw with 9, 8, 8, 6, and 4 pts. respectively. The half-time score was 22-18 with PT/Dental leading LAB/CSR.

Scoring for LAB/CSR, Gloyd made 14 pts. on 5 field goals and 4 free throws. Nine of his 14 pts. came in the second half. Baggett followed with 8, Anaya with 7, Howard and Watts each with 4.

WARD 62 CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE LEAGUE

Despite a shortage of men, Ward 62 has left no doubt that it is the team to beat in the Intramural League.

Chuck Lawrence continued his torrid pace with 82 pts.—almost double Johnson's, his nearest rival's score—in 4 games for a 20.5 pts./game average. Ward 62 had only 5 men playing against Ward 50, but they managed to out-score their opponents 49-39 aided by Lawrence's 18. White followed with 10 pts. filling in for the league's 2nd leading scorer, Johnson, who didn't make the game. Johnson still managed to hold down 2nd in the "top ten" by a margin of 10 pts. over his nearest rival, Macsata of Project 49. Johnson is sporting 49 pts. in 3 games for a 16.3 pts./game average.

HOUGH TALLIES 18 IN LOSING CAUSE

John Hough of Ward 50 has come to life in the scoring department with his 18 pts. against Ward 62 to jump into 4th place among the scoring leaders with 37 pts. for a 12.3 pts./game average.

Slattery and Simon had 9 and 6 pts. respectively along with Gudahl, Seamans, and Casper, who each had 2 pts. to round out Ward 50's scoring in the 39-49 loss to Ward 62.

UROLOGY UPSETS LAB/CSR 49-32

With Edmons and Gillio netting 21 and 18 pts. respectively, Urology maintained a lead it never relinquished and went on to win 49-32 over LAB/CSR.

LAB/CSR was without the services of their leading scorer LTJG Joe Beene, who might have made the difference in the contest. Anaya and Baggett each had 8 pts. in a losing cause for LAB/CSR.

WARD 62 WINS EENT/PHARMACY 43-42

In what was probably one of the best games of the season first place Ward 62 battled with EENT/Pharmacy for a 43-42 win in front of a crowd of 50 fans. In a close game which wasn't decided until the horn sounded, Chuck Lawrence led all scorers with 21 pts. staying out in front with 103 pts. in 5 games for a 20.6 pts./game average. The league's second leading scorer, Johnson, scored 11 pts. to keep himself in 2nd place with 60 pts. in four contests.

Eichols and Kneebone scored 18 and 10 pts. respectively for EENT/Pharmacy in a losing cause.

Games to be played on 20 March at King Junior High School are:

1900 Ward 50 vs. EENT/Pharmacy

2000 Urology vs. PT/Dental

2100 Project 49 vs. LAB/CSR

PT/DENTAL NOSES OUT SURGERY 34-28

With Doctor Candy paving the way, PT/Dental, after trailing 17-16 at the half, came back to wrap up a 34-28 win over Surgery. Doctor Candy led all scoring with 11. Niec followed with 6 pts. as Gaier, Smith and Graves each had 5 pts. for the winners. Measles led Surgery with 7 pts. followed by Welch and Kimble each with 6 pts. Paulson contributed 5 pts. for the losers.

Roshan Undefeated In Table Tennis

Ebrahim Roshan, the Iranian Olympic runner here studying OR techniques, recently showed his proficiency in yet another competition . . . table tennis. Roshan is undefeated in the Intramural Table Tennis Tournament. He defeated Maher of Marine Liaison, 15-12, 10-15, and 19-17, and D. E. Rickard of Photo Arts, 15-12 and 15-11.

John Jolly of 46B was eliminated after losing to both Rickard and Maher.

Rickard will battle it out with Maher 19 March in the auditorium.



LT Dennis Jurczak of Neuro-psychiatry and HM2 John' Magnier of Anesthesia were competitors in the 12th Naval District Judo Match on 3 March at Naval Station Mare Island. LT Jurczak (right) defeated Magnier and took second place while Magnier placed third in their weight division. LT Jurczak, a brown belt in the black belt division, and Magnier, a green belt in the white belt division, are interested in forming a Judo Club at the hospital. All interested persons are encouraged to call the Athletic Director, Ext. 264.

12ND Bowling Tournament Set For 9-11 April

The 12th Naval District Bowling Tournament for men and women will be held 9-11 April at 1300 in Swanson's Westlake Bowl, 99 Southgate Avenue, Daly City. All bowlers must attend a meeting there at 1200 9 April. Eighteen games (singles only) will be bowled in increments of six games over a three-day period.

To qualify, men must have an average of at least 170 and women an average of at least 125 for 21 games during the 1967-68 season. Averages may be established in either military or civilian leagues or lanes. The cut-off date for averages is 31 March. Personnel not bowling this year may use a certified 1966-67 Blue Book average.

Awards will be presented to the five highest scores in both the men's and women's competition. A high game and high series award will be made to both men and women. Personnel qualified and selected will be eligible to compete in the Pacific Coast Regional Tournament at Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska, 7-9 May.

For further information call the Director of Athletics, Ext. 264.



CHMEDSERWRT Harold Rice recently retired — with the CO's best wishes for smooth sailing in civilian life. Mr. Rice rounded out 30 years of active duty here after returning from a tour of duty with the Preventive Medicine Unit, Station Hospital, Naval Support Activity, Da Nang. Though his last tour here was brief, Mr. Rice had many friends at Oak Knoll since he formerly served for four years as Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Preventive Medicine Service. He and his wife, Nadia make their home in Oakland.

Navy Exchange Motels Available In Many Locations

Navy families are taking advantage of the Navy Exchange's motels, hotels and guest houses.

The units, which will number 600 by April, were 85 percent filled during the busy summer months. Since then they have averaged 68 percent. Both figures are high by commercial standards.

By April, the Navy Exchange will have 13 guest houses and 10 hotel/motels. Rates average about \$4.50 a day, with some as low as \$3 and some as high as \$7. The rate depends, of course, on the size of the family and the number of rooms required.

Reservations should be made by writing to the Navy Exchange Officer at your newly assigned station.

Hotels and motels are located at NAS Lakehurst, N.J.; NS Charleston, S.C.; NAS Cecil Field, Fla.; NS Mayport, Fla.; NAS Corpus Christi, Tex.; NAAS Fallon, Nev.; NS Washington, D.C.; NS Treasure Island, Calif.; NS Subic Bay and Fleet Activities, Yokosuka.

Guest houses are at NTC Bainbridge, Md.; NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; NAS Pensacola, Fla.; NAAS Whiting Field, Fla.; NAS Grosse Ile, Mich.; NS San Juan; NAF El Centro, Calif.; NS Kodiak; NS Midway; NS Adak; Navy Housing Activity, Yokohama; NS Argentina and NS Keflavik. —NAVNEWS

Knoll WAVES Lose To Hawaiian Team

The Oak Knoll WAVES' Volleyball team lost a thrilling match to the Hawaiian "Wela Kahau's" win after a first game loss came from behind to win the last two games and the match 16-18, 15-13, 15-13. The loss brought the local girls' season record to one win and three losses.



Eight new OR technicians were graduated 1 March. They are, in the front row from left to right, HN Ross Mayo, HM3 Marc Baker, HN John Palmer, and HM2 Larry Baer. In the back row are HNs Charles Main, Albert Smith, Sam Jones, and Walter Young.

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IN THE NEW HOSPITAL

Streamlined Central Linen Supply System Will Save Time and Space

"What! No shelves in the linen locker? What'll we do with the sheets!" These words will soon give way to pleased satisfaction when ward nurses discover the efficient way linen is to be handled in the new hospital.

A laundryman will arrive at a regular hour each day with a large shelved cart that fits perfectly in the closet, and there — already stored—will be the exact assortment of hospital linen the nurse needs to keep her unit shipshape.

Oak Knoll's laundry will con-

tinue to be done in the same old building by the same hard-working crew, but the distribution system for clean linens will be new and streamlined.

Laundry will be trucked to the new building and delivered to the clean linen storage and distribution room on the first floor. A pre-determined supply of linen will then be placed on a shelved cart for each linen use area in the new hospital. Carts will be delivered to each linen closet by the house-keeping section. At this time the linen cart in use in each area will be returned (with the unused linen still on its shelves) to the linen room. This exchange of carts will take place on a regular schedule—daily or as otherwise determined according to the needs of the user. Carts returned will be restocked in the linen room in preparation for the next scheduled exchange.

Soiled linens will be placed in polyethylene linen hampers and delivered to the soiled linen collection room on the third floor near the loading dock. From there they will be trucked back to the laundry for reprocessing.

One of the new shelved linen carts is currently on display in the Wardroom across from the Medical Library, Building 101.

Civilian-Military Anti-Discrimination Committee Formed

A new military and civilian advisory committee has been established to screen allegations of and to prevent discrimination involving staff or patients at this command.

Direct access to the committee is available to any staff member or patient. The board will hear any complaints and/or suggestions, and where indicated will make recommendations directly to the Commanding Officer. When indicated or when requested by an individual, the committee will insure such person direct and ready

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Although being honored for his good deeds is not Trader Vic's "cup o' tea," he nevertheless responded with pleasure when presented a plaque and a letter of commendation by the CO. With him are his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Bill Sealey, who assist him in his service to amputee patients.

Trader Vic Earns "Well Done" For Work With Amputees

The name Victor J. Bergeron is little known on 76A and B but mention "Trader Vic," and faces light with pleasure. Everybody knows "Trader"—the well-tanned, white-haired, tough-talking, soft-hearted man who comes out to encourage and inspire the amputees.

Trader Vic, internationally-known restaurateur, became an amputee at the age of six, but he hasn't let it bother him, and he figures no one else should.

Since the beginning of the Vietnam conflict, as well as in WWII and the Korean War, Mr. Bergeron has hosted eight amputees each week at his San Pablo Avenue restaurant, with airline stewardesses as hostesses. For many an

amputee this has been the first venture out since the loss of a limb.

A couple of Spanish and Mexican patients on the ward looked wistful. "Send 'em over to Senor Pico's for a Mexican dinner — that'll fix 'em up."

Last fall Mr. Bergeron's staff prepared and served an authentic Hawaiian luau in the patio he financed and furnished. Other Trader Vic-type meals have been served on the wards so bed patients could share the festivities.

The Trader doesn't work alone. His daughter, Bonnie Sealey, raised \$1,000 to purchase a television master antenna and individual lead-ins to all beds on the amputee wards. His son-in-law, Bill Sealey, piloted the Bergeron plane when it took a patient to Billings, Mont., for Christmas and back and on other occasions when Mr. Bergeron brought parents long distances to visit their wounded sons.

Among those attending the ceremony at which Admiral Irons said "Well Done" to Trader Vic were CDR H. W. S. Huseby, Chief, Orthopedic Service; LCDR D. W. Rohren, Director of NPRL; Charles Asbelle, Research Director at NPRL; and CDR Jane Wathen, Orthopedic Supervisor; who know best the scope of Mr. Bergeron's contribution.



Admiral Irons was the first to congratulate Ronald D. Atwood on his promotion to HMC Tuesday. The new chief donned his hard hat after a long wait, since he passed the examination for advancement last August. The Olympia, Wash., HMC has been in the Navy for 13½ years. Tours he especially enjoyed were those at NAMRU 1, NSC, Oakland, and aboard the USS SOUTHERLAND (DD 743), which took him from San Diego to places like Hong Kong, Japan, and the Philippines.

"I like my work in the Blood Bank here and am very much interested in the frozen blood program," said the Bethesda-trained lab technician.

Sharing the Chief's pride and pleasure in his promotion are his wife Myrna and their five children.

LCDR Boone to Appear On Melvin Belli Show

LCDR J. T. Boone, MC, USN, of the Medical Service will appear Sunday, 7 April, on the Melvin Belli Show as part of a panel which will discuss "Military Justice in Vietnam." Panel members will be LCDR Boone, COL George Schenkein, USA, from the office of JAG, CAPT J. K. Donovan, USAF, Hamilton AFB, MAJ Fred Hill, USA, from Operations and Training HQS, Sixth Army. The show, which will be broadcast in color, can be seen from 2100 to 2300 on station KEMO, UHF Channel 20.

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FAR-OUT RELIGION

We live in a day that demands the spectacular, the stupendous, the far-out. This is seen in our amusement, our clothes, our cars, our way of life. Although the degree to which we demand the theatrical may be unique to our age, man has always been that way. Case in point: in the twenty-seventh chapter of the gospel of Matthew, verses 42 and 43 we read of something that sounds like it happened only yesterday.

Jesus is dying on the cross. The so-called religious leaders who were responsible for His being there are standing below accusing Him of being a fake. They remind Him of His miraculous career, and dare Him to perform one more miracle: save yourself, they cry.

Today such miracles are being demanded again. We would like for the war in Vietnam to be over immediately. We would like to think that the world threat of Communism can be ignored. Tomorrow we want everyone to start loving everyone else regardless of color or creed.

The comparison can be carried too far. Jesus could have saved himself, but what would have been the point. They would have only demanded more. Perhaps God could intervene in the affairs of men to accomplish the miracles we want today. But, again what would be the point. If the latter were to be accomplished, man would cease to be man, and become only an animal guided, no, driven by a predetermined fate, an unquestioning, instinctive nature.

The men who stood at the foot of the cross saw being performed before them the miracle of miracles, the Son of God dying that they might live, and they did not know it.

These problems that need so desperately to be solved in our time could be met with halfway measures and perhaps eased a bit. However, wars will not be stopped until those who cause them are changed. Communism will continue to be a threat until its Godless tendencies are exposed for all to see. Hate will not be expelled until we are taught to love by the one who loved, even unto death. When that happens, that will be about the most far-out thing you will ever see.

—JAMES M. RIGLER
LT, CHC, USNR



GOOD SCOUTS are those of Troop 83, Alamo, who knitted a multi-colored afghan to deliver to the hospital in observance of National Girl Scout Week. Accepting the gift for a fellow patient on 76B are LCP Gregory George and CPL Jerry Johnston. The young donors are, from left, Jeanne Peters, Barbara Fitzmaurice, Cindy Sumner, Sonya C. menares, Janet McBride, and Sandy Pardini.



The Mike Winter Trio, from left Mike Stewart, Claudia Morandi, and Chuck Hawkins, sing "Fright Train" one of the many popular songs the group sang when they entertained on the wards 18 March.

The Veterans Administration can now provide nursing care in practically every town in the country. By using contract nursing homes for care of convalescents

and the aged, VA has freed 4,000 beds in its 166 hospitals for use by the more acutely ill while nursing care patients can stay closer home.



A total flotation mattress, like the three now in use in the hospital, was on display 27 February. Corpsmen HN Floyd Casebier and HM Gregory Pritchett, with nurses LCDR Evelyn Martin and LTJG Pamela Hoth, watch as HN Daryl Meadows tries the bed for comfort.

The bed, which is particularly helpful in the care of patients with decubitus ulcers, "floats" the patient on a water-filled vinyl bladder inside a foot-thick rectangular block of polyurethane foam that is molded to fit the body. It fits a standard hospital bed frame or an electric high-low bed.



Dorothy Warner, Ward Clerk on 69A, displays one of the smart new gold perma-press smocks which soon will be worn by all ward clerks while on duty. The semi-fitted smock has ¾ length sleeves and a belt in back.

Hunter's Point Choir To Perform Here

On Maundy Thursday, 11 April, at 2000 in the Chapel, the Hunter's Point Shipyard Choir will present Stainer's "Crucifixion". This choir is under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Smith and consists of 28 voices. Members of the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches are participating, and people of all religious backgrounds are cordially invited.

Dr. Lewis Heads Advisory Committee

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access to the CO.

LCDR F. D. Lewis, MC, USN, Head of Physical Medicine, is the senior member of the newly-formed committee. Serving with him are HMC D. B. Lodge of Operating Services; HMC W. D. Carlin, Personnel; HM1 T. G. Tinkham, Fiscal and Supply; Homer Hunt, Food Service; John Miller, Jr., Laundry; Virginia Cheatham, Nursing Service; and Oscar Cunningham, Maintenance.

Diaper Derby

Life began 12 March for Edward Joseph Silva, Jr., 7 lb. 13½ oz. son of HN Edward J. Silva of CSR and wife Marlene . . . 15 March for Daren Christopher James, 9 lb. 2

oz. son of former staff man HM2 Dave James and wife Jean. Dave served in Occupational Therapy and was EM Club manager before his transfer to the USS Vesuvius.



Terrance I. Wright, civilian personnel assistant to the CO for nearly eleven years departed 8 March for a new post at San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, where he will work as a labor relations specialist in the industrial relations department, taking with him the CO's Letter of Appreciation. Mr. Wright "provided the command with expert assistance in civilian personnel administration including such new phases as position management and employee-management cooperation," the letter read in part.

VA Reminds All Vets Of G.I. Bill Benefits

The Veterans Administration today issued a reminder that benefits of the new G.I. Bill are not limited to Vietnam veterans but apply equally to veterans who served in the Armed Forces any time after 31 January 1955.

Gordon Elliott, Manager of VA's Northern California Regional Office, said that veterans who had at least 181 days of active duty, any part of which occurred after 31 January 1955 are eligible for these G.I. Bill benefits:

Educational Assistance—Full-time payments for college type training range from \$100 a month for a single veteran to \$175 for a veteran with two dependents, with \$10 extra for each additional dependent.

High School—The same payments are available to a veteran while he completes high school without losing any eligibility for higher educational benefits.

Apprenticeship or other on-the-job training—Payments (based on six-month period) begin at \$80 per month in the first period for a single veteran with added payments for veterans with dependents.

Farm Cooperative Training—Includes institutional courses. Payments range upwards from \$103 a month.

Vocational Flight Training—Payments cover 90 percent of the established charge for flight training for veterans who have the equivalent of a private pilot license.

G.I. Loans—VA guarantees a portion of loans made through commercial lenders. On home loans, the VA will guarantee up to \$7,500 of the loan, on farm real estate loans up to \$4,000, and on non-real estate farm loans up to \$2,000. VA will make direct loans for homes in certain cases.

Medical Care—VA provides hospital care for all veterans who served in the Armed Forces after 31 January 1955, (whether their service is classified as wartime or peacetime) on the same basis as for veterans of earlier wars. Top priority goes to men needing treatment for service-connected or service-aggravated disabilities. If a bed is available, veterans may be admitted for any illness requiring hospitalization if they are unable to pay for the treatment in a private hospital.

Purchase of Specially-Equipped Automobiles—An allowance of \$1,600 for veterans with certain severe disabilities suffered while in service.

Veterans who served after 31 January 1955, are also entitled to Civil Service preference in federal employment and to job counseling and placement by the Department of Labor and State Employment Service Offices.

Full information on these and other questions may be obtained from James Schulenberger, the hospital's VA Contact Representative. He is in the Patient Affairs Division Monday through Friday 0830 to 1630.

CAPT Clark Hosts Neurological Society At Oak Knoll

On Wednesday 20 March the San Francisco Neurological Society met at the Officer's Club at Oak Knoll. Captain Gale Clark MC USN was host. Following the buffet, the scientific meeting was held. Admiral E. P. Irons welcomed the group to our hospital. Dr. E. B. Boldrey, who is Neurological Surgery consultant to both the Naval Hospital at Oakland and at San Diego, delivered a paper entitled "Concerning the Present Status of Brain Tumor Treatment". Dr. C. Hunter Shelden, who is Neurological Surgery consultant to the Surgeon General of the Navy and who is chairman of the Board of Examiners for the American Board of Neurological Surgery, gave a paper entitled "The Electrical Control of Neurological Signs and Symptoms". Dr. Gerhardt Von Bonin, who was introduced as everyone's consultant in Neuroanatomy, delivered a paper entitled "Columnar Arrangement of Cells in the Cerebral Cortex".

The scientific meeting was followed by a business meeting of the Society whose president is Dr. John Harter of San Francisco. Over one hundred neurologists and neurological surgeons attended the meeting.



WHO WOULDN'T WANT to be a JANGO if she could have duty like this? The young patient, Jack E. Snyder, 4-year-old son of AE1 Donald E. Snyder of NAS, Lemmoore, ran and jumped into the wheelchair to help Vicki Holm, daughter of CDR and Mrs. Victor M. Holm, recruit members for the JANGO class beginning 20 April.

Application forms must be in by 8 April. They may be obtained at the office of the Chief, Nursing Service. JANGOs must be from 14 to 21 and must be the daughters of officers in the armed forces, active, reserve, retired, or deceased. For further information, call Ext. 245 or 246.



CDR Frances Jacobson, OR Supervisor, was surrounded by well-wishers and friends who gave her a farewell party before her departure for Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash., where she will assume the duties of Chief of the Nursing Service. The CO presented CDR Jacobson a letter of appreciation for her outstanding service to Oak Knoll since 1963. From left to right are CAPT Robert Dobbie, Chief, Surgical Service; CDR Claude Atkins, Surgical Service; CDR Jacobson, CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of Nursing Service; CDR Helmar Huseby, Chief of Orthopedics, and LCDR James Chandler, Surgical Service.

Signboard Spotlights Hospital Events

Something New Has Been Added! An attractive new sign board located near the Main Gate. The board will be used to post interesting announcements and information for the benefit of all hands on a daily basis. Examples of such items are arrivals and departures, reenlistments and promotion of key personnel, announcement of special meetings, special entertainment, social events, sales at Navy Exchange, and other items of general interest. All desired postings to this sign board must be submitted well in advance to the Commanding Officer for approval in order to assure appropriate and equitable use of this worthwhile communications medium.

For more information call Ext. 203.

Board Certified List Adds 5 New Names

Three more members of the Medical Service staff have been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. They are LCDRs A. L. Graber, R. L. Piscatelli, and R. C. Riggins.

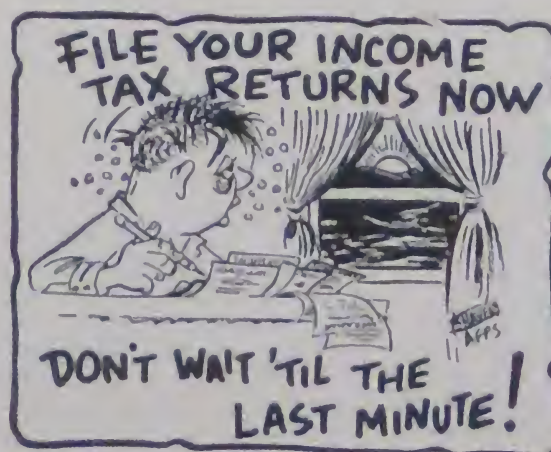
CDR Richard H. Barrick, already certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, has been made a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy.

LCDR R. T. McLaughlin has been notified of his certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

This brings the number of board-certified specialists on the staff to 53.

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Savings Bonds account for more than 24 percent of the publicly-held portion of the national debt. They play a key role in the fight against inflation.



Know Your Staff

Roselle Dougherty's home port is Patient Affairs, but as roving secretary she



has covered a lot of territory in two years at the Knoll. As official fill-in for secretaries on leave, roving Roselle has served in the offices of the CO, XO, AO, Chief of Nurs-

ing, Orthopedic, Neurosurgical, Neuropsychiatry, Radiology, Anesthesiology, and EENT Services, and the Security Division—so far. And if you don't think that takes adaptability, try it!

Shorthand, typing, and filing are Mrs. Dougherty's specialties — those and the two Bills—her husband, who is warehouse manager for the Navy Exchange at TI, and her teen-age son who goes to Marina High.

Mrs. Dougherty, one of 9 sisters with a poor lone brother, grew up in Lindsay, Neb., spent a year at U. of Nebraska, and attended Van Sants Business College, Omaha. Seventeen years in business offices in and out of Civil Service qualified her for her present job.

Civilian RN Earns Praise of Chief Nurse

Mrs. Eunice Alley, RN, as supervisory clinical nurse in charge of Labor and Delivery Suite received a letter of appreciation from CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief, Nursing Service, for her part in the "outstanding on-the-job training of our young Nurse Corps officers. . . .

Your enthusiasm and untiring efforts in assisting these young students gain technical competence and professional proficiency is appreciated by both the individual and nursing service." Mrs. Alley came to Oak Knoll in July 1957.



Know Your Staff

HM1 Richard W. Almos, career counselor in Education & Training (Call him at 277) was born in Wisconsin and schooled in Dubuque, Ia., but calls Deland, Fla., home.



That's because during the first of two tours at NH Jacksonville, he met his wife Billie and decided the area that produced her was for him.

The enthusiastic, crew-cut blue-eyed HM1 has been in 12 years, at Oak Knoll two. "I've had a great time. My present job is challenging and diverse, but the highlight of these dozen years was duty aboard the USS TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (AVB-2) — only aviation advance base in the Navy. We were homeported in Naples . . . Ahhhh Naples! That duty convinced me I was in to stay. We laid airstrips for anti-submarine warfare bombers (P2V Neptunes). We visited Haifa, Israel; Gibraltar; Sfax, Tunisia; Beirut, Lebanon, and points between. Billie and I were able to travel in Italy. Even our nine-year-old son Richie and seven-year-old daughter Shannon Kaye like Navy life," said Almos.

Bowling Star Coming To Oak Knoll Lanes

Paul Krumske, member of the Brunswick Advisory Staff of champions and one of the few men ever to hold all three national match game titles, will appear at Oak Knoll Bowl, 17 April, in a special bowling exhibition.

According to Special Services, Mr. Krumske will not only bowl an exhibition match, but will also offer free instruction on the finer points of the game.

A veteran of 30 years in bowling, Krumske made history when he defeated fellow-Brunswick ace Ned Day for the national individual title in 1944. Paired with Joe Sinke, he took the doubles title in 1945 and the following year shared in the national team crown as a member of the Meister Brau five.

In 1951 he was voted the "Bowler of the Half Century" by Chicago sportswriters on the basis of his noteworthy record of city, state and national championships.

He is the only bowler to win the Chicago match game championships two years in a row. With teammate Adolph Carlson he holds the world's record four-game doubles score of 2,009 and also set the record total 977 (including a "300") for four-games.

As a member of the Brunswick Advisory Staff, Paul is one of over 140 top bowling stars who are promoting interest in the sport through exhibitions and instruction sessions such as the program scheduled for Oak Knoll Bowl on the 17th.

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The responsibility of every American is to be well informed about local, national and international affairs. This responsibility of good citizenship is vital.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Surgery Evens Season Record With 42-38 Win Over Ward 50

By Ron Brown

After trailing 15-22 at the half, Surgery, because of the key shooting of Measles and Jones, defeated a tough Ward 50 team 42-38.

Measles led his team with 11 points, 10 of them in the second half. Dr. Rivers, a new addition to the team, proved an asset as he netted 10 points, 8 coming in the first half. Jones had 6 points.

John Hough of Ward 50 led all scorers in the game with 17 points. This ran his season's scoring to 54 points in 4 games, third highest in the league.

Galli Leads Urology Past Marine Liaison 51-26

Owing to some new faces on their team, Urology has moved into the limelight with impressive wins over LAB/CSR and Marine Liaison, thereby running their season's record to 2 wins and 2 losses.

Galli, one of the new additions, has proven himself to be a real battler. He is sporting a 17.5 point average in the two games he has played, these being the two recent wins by Urology.

Galli has achieved the ninth position in the top ten scorers with 35 points. If he keeps up this pace, he should be near the top in no time. Clark and Faiola led the Marines with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

EENT/PHCY Whitewashes Project 49

Weakened by the absence of Macsata, the league's third leading scorer, and the loss of Cantrell, who was discharged, Project 49 couldn't match baskets with the stronger EENT/PHCY team.

The final score was EENT/PHCY 70, PROJECT 5. Valdez led EENT/PHCY scorers with 15 points, followed by Middlekauff with 12. Scoring for Project 49 was Al Hazuda, who had 4 free throws, and Christy with the other free throw to account for the 5 points.

EENT/PHCY Claws Ward 50

Led by Chris Valdez with 17 points, EENT/PHCY is closing the gap between them and Ward 62 as a result of the 69-38 win over Ward 50 last week. EENT/PHCY brought their season's record to 3 wins and 1 loss. Dr. Echols aided EENT/PHCY's cause against Ward 50 with 14 points. Needham also garnered 12 for the winners. Hough of Ward 50 jumped into the 2nd spot among the "ten top scorers" with 17 points against EENT/PHCY. Gudahl followed Hough in a losing cause with 11.

Urology Shocks PT/Dental

With Edmonds hitting key buckets through out the game and ending up with 18 points, Urology climbed right into the thick of the race with a thriller over PT/Dental by a score of 43-37.

This win, a big one by Urology, places them in a tie with PT/Dental for 3rd place with 3 wins and 2 losses. Galli followed Edmonds with 10 points which pushed from 8th in the "top ten" to 6th position with 45 points in 3 games for a 15 point game average. Edmonds moved to 3rd spot with 63 points in 4 games for a 15.8 point game average. Dr. Graves led the losers with 9 points, followed by Hess with 8 and Walsh with 7 points.

LAB/CSR Over Project 49

Baggett of LAB/CSR had his best night last week as he scored 29 points against Project 49 as LAB/CSR won over Project 49 by a score of 47-20. The 29 points for Baggett pushed him to the number 6 spot among the top scorers with 45 points in 3 games to tie him with Galli of Urology.

Hazuda led Project 49 with 7 points on 2 field goals and 3 free throws. Gosch followed Hazuda with 5 points.

Oak Knoll Men's Volleyball Team Win 12ND "B" Trophy by Default

Oak Knoll's Men's Volleyball Team was awarded the 12ND "B" Command Championship by default. No other "B" Command teams entered the tournament.

Despite their easily won trophy, Oak Knoll did manage to win 3 games from the 3 tough "A" Command teams. After losing to Mare Island by a score of 15 to 9 they came back to defeat Mare Island 15 to 10. The Hilltoppers reversed the score against NAS Lemoore losing the first game 15 to 10 and winning the 2nd game 15 to 10. The Oak Knoll team wrapped up

the evening with a 16-14 win over Hunters Point after losing the first game 15-13.

Oak Knoll team members were LT Larry Nelson (who was picked as an alternate to travel to the regional match with Moffett Field on 9-12 April, LT Phil Vogt, LT Dan Kelly, LT Tom Graves, LT Roy Dunkleberg, HM2 Larry Howard, and HN Carl MacCalland.

Next thing up for the team is league being sponsored by the Oakland Army Base, which will start sometime in April.



HM2 Neil P. Peterson was sworn in for another four years by CAPT David B. Rulon on March 1. Peterson joined the Navy in November 1958 and came aboard last September. He is in the X-Ray Tech class. Peterson and his wife, Barbara, make their home in Hayward.

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The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.



HM2 Michael Rice, who became a cardiopulmonary technician through one year of on-the-job-training, is congratulated by LCDR J. C. Chisholm, Medical Service, right. HM2 John Susko, at left, stands ready to offer his congratulations.



Ten staff corpsmen were advanced to the rate of HM3 on 18 March. They are, in the front row from left to right, Albert Cole, Gregor Foltz, Peter Primiano, and Gary Connor. In the back row are Carl L'Otto, Eugene Genest, Gregory Glasby, Lawrence Atkins, Jack Besosa, and Elipidio Castaneda.

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Friday, 12 April 1968



Sol Haar receives a Letter of Appreciation for fellow Nebraskans.

Nebraska Benefactor Visits Oak Knoll to Talk About TV

Wednesday morning when the big board at the Main Gate read "Welcome Mr. Haar," the message couldn't have been more sincere, though probably few Knollites recognized the name.

Mr. Sol Haar of Fremont, Nebr., came aboard to check up on his pet project—providing television sets and other items needed to cheer patients during their treatment and rehabilitation. Not only has Mr. Haar, with the help of fellow Nebraskans and several South Dakotans, presented more than a score of television sets, as many electric corn poppers, supplies of popcorn, books, air mail stationery, ball point pens, and many other gifts, he has also raised more than \$3,000 from midwestern friends and business associates to purchase remote control television sets to be installed in the new hospital.

Mr. Haar, in the Bay Area on a

business trip in December visited a patient in the amputee ward at the request of a friend. His reaction was to go into action to get for Vietnam casualties the things that will make their hospital stay pass pleasantly.

Mr. Haar was more than welcome!

Floor Plans to Aid Staff Orientation

Sets of floor plans for the new hospital are being readied for distribution to staff officers, petty officers second class and above, and civilian employees.

The plans are to orient personnel to the building before they move so that confusion will be kept to a minimum at that time.

Watch for the announcement concerning when and where these plans may be obtained.

Enlisted Quarters Funds Approved

Funds have been approved for new enlisted quarters, and bids will soon be sought for their construction. The new housing will be in the same general location as the old quarters. EM Quarters will have 109 four-bed rooms and WAVES Quarters will have 16 rooms, each accommodating four. Attractive lounges and TV rooms will be included.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command has indicated that the \$1,436,000 project will probably be complete within a year.

National Library Week

Crew's Library Plans Special Exhibits

This year National Library Week is from 21 through 27 April. It spotlights the library as a recreational, cultural and informational center. The Crew's Library will feature special exhibits of best sellers of past years. On Thursday, punch, cookies, and other snacks will be served between 1300 to 1530. A special invitation is extended to military and civilian staff, patients, dependents, and retired personnel to visit the library, to borrow a book or just browse, some time during the week and to have refreshments on Thursday, the 25th. As an added attraction, a volume of Readers Digest Condensed Books will be given to anyone who visits the library during National Library Week.

The exhibit schedule is as follows:

- Monday—Best sellers of the 20's
- Tuesday—Best sellers of the 30's
- Wednesday—Best sellers of the 40's
- Thursday—Best sellers of the 50's
- Friday—Best sellers of the 60's

Easter Services In the Chapel

Catholic

Good Friday

1200 Holy Communion and Liturgical Service in Catholic Oratory

Easter Sunday

0830 and 1215 Mass

Protestant

Good Friday

1200 "Seven Last Words"

Easter Sunday

1030 Divine Worship

CDR Schwab Honored

CDR Albert J. Schwab, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer, has been notified of his admission to membership in the American College of Hospital Administrators.



Don't Be A Litterbug! Every Litter Bit Hurts! . . . Slogans alone will not keep the hospital litter-free. There is only one way to keep the grounds and offices clean and neat—the cooperation of everyone on the compound. HM2 Paul Ward demonstrates how simple it is to do your part. Keep your working area clean and when in other areas of the hospital, use the green and yellow litter cans for disposing of paper and garbage.

Staffers Earn Awards for Meritorious Achievement



CDR Harmon

LCDR Williams

HM3 Marrujo

Three staff members received awards for meritorious service and one for good conduct at the 30 March personnel inspection in Gendreau Circle.

CDR Stanley D. Harmon was awarded the Bronze Star for Vietnam service with the 3rd Medical Bn, 3rd Marine Division, from 25 February to 6 November 1967. The citation referred to Dr. Harmon's "superior professional ability and dedication as an orthopedic surgeon, to the valuable guidance he provided in development of Phu Bai Base, where he supervised design and construction of additions to the hospital, and to his contributions to the Civic Action Program . . . He displayed exceptional heroism on several occasions during

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Each year in the United States we have a memorial day in honor of the military who have died on the field of battle in the struggle against our enemies so that we may be preserved in life and freedom. We are so anxious to honor all of these national heroes that in Arlington National Cemetery there has been erected the tomb and monument of the unknown soldier.

Today, Good Friday, the Church throughout the whole world is having a memorial day in honor of its great Hero, its famous militant who died. His battle was against Satan and sin, the enemies of our salvation. His battleground was the Cross, and He died that we may have supernatural life and the freedom of the sons of God. But perhaps to many He is an unknown soldier or at least one too little known and less honored.

And yet the whole life of Christ was one of love for men, a love which reached its climax on Good Friday. On the evening before He died, Jesus said at the last supper: "Greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for his friend." On the Cross Jesus freely laid down His life for our salvation.

But the amazing thing is that when Jesus died for us, we were not his friends. We were His enemies by sin. It is truly wonderful but understandable that a man should die for those who love him, but it is unheard of that one should die for people who have offended him seriously and are his enemies.

No one of us need wonder whether Christ loves us. Today we celebrate the memory and reality of that great love. On Easter Sunday we see in the risen Christ the divine power of that great love.

LT COLIN E. SUPPLE, CHC, USN
Catholic Chaplain



Douglas Austin, 19, Eric Kaelberer, CAPT and Mrs. Henry E. Austin, Mrs. Henry Austin, Sr., and the Chaplain's daughter Kathleen, 10, sing together during the 31 March service which celebrated CAPT Austin's 25th year of ordination. Project 49A Photo

Chaplain Austin Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Ordination

CAPT Henry E. Austin, Senior Chaplain, was honored at the 31 March Protestant Worship Service and a reception following in the Officers' Club on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Chaplain Austin served in World War II and Korea. He reported to Oak Knoll last September. He holds both the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal for bravery while ministering as a Navy Chaplain to Marines.

Guest preacher for the service,

the Rev. Dr. Gordon Palmer, was also the preacher at Chaplain Austin's ordination. Dr. Palmer is the former President of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Vice-President of the American Baptist Convention. He is the founder of the Christian Patriotism Broadcast, originating out of Los Angeles.

Chaplain Austin is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Deen, have four children; Ruth Ann, Douglas, David, and Kathleen.



Latest graduates of the Clinical Laboratory Assistants class which ended 22 March are HM3 Bobby Rich, HM3 Robert Ferguson, HN Michael Williams, and HN George Markin. Present to extend their congratulations were HM1 A. C. Short, enlisted instructor, and LT P. J. W. Vogt of Pathology.



Six staff corpsmen graduated 22 March from the Orthopedic Appliance Mechanic Technician school. They are, in the front row from left to right, HM3 Ronald Sandoval, HM2 Edmond Niec, and HM1 Melvin Still. In the back row are HM2 William Clayton, HM2 Michael Parkis, and HM1 John Smith. Not pictured is HM2 Ray Fenton.

IN THE NEW HOSPITAL

Automation to Increase Efficiency In Central Sterile Supply System

The supply system in the new hospital will be a significant improvement over the present system because of the application of a new concept in automation.

Central Sterile Supply, which is located in a spacious area of the first floor, will be responsible for the processing and distribution of all sterile supplies and most medical supplies used by the patient care units, outpatient clinics, and operating rooms. Certain items of equipment will also be stored and issued by this department.

As in the case of linen distribution, described in the last issue, the basic unit of the system is a supply cart. A specially designed cart will be used for the dual purpose of distribution and storage of supplies. For each user in the hospital, there will be two carts. One will be on the patient care unit, serving as the storage facility for supplies while the other is in Central Sterile Supply being replenished. Each cart will contain the user's predetermined needs for a specified period of time, probably twelve hours. The carts will be exchanged on a rotational basis, with the used supplies being returned to Central Supply on the cart after replacement by a freshly stocked cart. Items stocked will be determined by the charge nurse and the Central Supply supervisor and will be periodically reviewed to reflect current usage.

Vertical Lift

Central Sterile Supply will use a vertical lift system which connects to each floor of the hospital. In addition, there is a special cart lift system from Central Supply to the Operating Rooms on the fourth floor.

At the time of the normally scheduled rotation, a supply technician will inform the ward clerk

on 8 South by telephone that a cart is being dispatched for the unit. The cart will be lifted to the eighth floor by the automatic cart handling equipment and will be ejected at the outlet for the eighth floor. The cart will be rolled to the clean utility room and the other cart will be returned to the Central Sterile Supply by the cart lift. The unused supplies will be transferred to the arriving cart.

Although each cart will contain the supplies typically needed by the patient care unit for the designated period of time, it is recognized that shortages will occasionally occur and that needs will vary. During the period between rotation of carts, small items requested from CSR can be sent to the user by pneumatic tube or, if necessary, a cart can be dispatched.

Central Sterile Supply will be operational 24 hours a day seven days a week to provide optimal service to the Patient Care units while minimizing the cost of supply processing and distribution.

Anaheim Plans Weekend for Navy

Orange County and the City of Anaheim, Calif., have proclaimed 19-21 April Marine Corps Weekend and 26-28 April Navy Weekend.

The Anaheim Visitor and Convention Bureau is arranging a complete package of entertainment including Disneyland, the California Angels, Melodyland Theater, Knott's Berry Farm, and Movieland Wax Museum at special military rates.

The first two weekends of May have been set aside to honor the Air Force and Army, but all branches of the service are invited on each weekend. Call 593.

Awards . . .

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... attacks, constantly ignoring his own safety to ensure the welfare of his patients.

LCDR Wilfred L. Williams received the Navy Commendation Medal for service in USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) during and after the disastrous fire on board USS PORRESTAL (CVA-59). "LCDR Williams saved the lives of many injured personnel. Often without operating table or beds, he performed major surgical procedures on sick bay decks and managed to maintain a relatively sterile field despite lack of space, overcrowding, and an extraordinary demand for medical equipment and supplies. He performed with coolness and compassion under unusual pressures for many hours with indefatigable zeal," the citation stated.

To HM3 Martin Marrujo, the CO presented the Navy Achievement Medal for service with the 3rd MarDiv in Vietnam from 6 August 1967 to 11 January 1968. As a surgical assistant in the forward aid station of the 3rd Bn, Third Marines, Marrujo displayed "superb technical skill, demonstrating exceptional professional knowledge as he assisted the medical officer. Subsequently reassigned as an NP Technician with Co. A, Third Medical Bn, Marrujo continued to distinguish himself in the performance of his duties. His resolute determination and superb professionalism were an inspiration and contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of his unit's mission," according to his citation.

Fourth member of the staff to be ordered front and center was HM3 Jack M. Fisher, who received the Good Conduct Medal.



Presenting their 1st place 12ND Volleyball Trophy to RADM E. P. Irons are, front row, left to right, HN Claudia Ellquist-63B; HN Ellen Stover-NP; HN Charlene Metrano-Urology Clinic; HN Josie Martin-40B; HM2 Barbara Stevenson-Patient Affairs; HM1 Mary Donahue-BMAA. In the back row are LTJG Susan Haberkorn, MSC-Physical Therapy; LTJG Sharon Kosch, NC-Dependent Nursing; ENS Noreen Emerson, NC; HN Diane Jacobson-Urology Clinic; HM3 Karen Clink-Pediatrics; and HN Chris Johnston-Pediatrics. Not pictured are HM3 Rose Morganti-Intensive Care; ENS Linda Robson, NC; LTJG Mary Lacko, NC; DK2 Terri Nackeranz; and HM3 Mary Ann Hansen-chart room.

Project 49A Photo



Here are some of the fishermen and some of the catches, although not all of them fish.

Knoll WAVES Win 12ND Volleyball Title

The Oak Knoll WAVES volleyball team led by LTJG Sue Haberkorn of PT and HM1 Mary Donahue, BMAA, defeated a strong WAVES team from Treasure Island in the finals to win their first 12ND crown in many years. The girls worked hard for this title by practicing many nights at the gymnasium. The girls also gained much experience by entering into the Women's Volleyball League at Oakland Army Base.

This is just the beginning of many titles the WAVES at Oak Knoll hopes to win.

Journalist to Speak At O'Wives Luncheon

The Officers' Wives' Club of Oak Knoll will meet for luncheon at the O' Club at 1130 Wednesday, 17 April. The speaker will be Adeline Daley, who is a feature writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. The mother of six girls and one boy, ranging in age from seven through 21, Mrs. Daley is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. She wrote for various magazines before joining the Chronicle four years ago. Her husband is a sports writer for the rival San Francisco Examiner.

The luncheon is sponsored by wives of doctors in the departments of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Neuropsychiatry under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. G. G. Clark and Mrs. V. M. Holm. Mrs. D. G. Scheetz is chairman of the decorating committee, and Mrs. P. T. Di Gaudio and Mrs. M. J. Haugh are in charge of door prizes.

3 Sturgeon Snagged by Hospital Crew

By HM1 COLONEL SURRATT

The morning air was brisk and refreshing as the usual gang from the hospital prepared to board the good ship Dowrellio #5 for another try at angling the fabulous sturgeon.

After a short run down the channel, Skipper Arnie Savage dropped anchor and ordered all lines in the water with six-ounce weights. The fishing was excellent for flounder, bullheads, and baby "stripers," but no one had hooked the coveted sturgeon as of 1300.

At approximately 1330 LTJG Ken Kneebone hooked a 10-pound striper shortly after a 12 pounder was landed by Rich Surratt. Mr. Kneebone then again landed a 42-inch sturgeon, and everyone gave him their baleful stares, muttering about reserves having all the luck. Shortly after this, Ad-

miral Irons landed a nice 43-inch. Fishing then slacked off until the tide changed. Then several nice stripers up to 14 pounds were boated. Then Chief Riley's brother hooked the original "Old Moe" and got it alongside the boat, but it flipped the hook and disappeared into the briny depths. Everyone on the boat will testify that it was at least 9 feet and weighed approximately 150 pounds. I nearly cried when this huge monster got away.

After this we headed back to the harborage with a bunch of happy sunburned people and 3 nice sturgeon, 6 stripers, and 86 flounder. Our boat was the only one that caught sturgeon that day, and everyone gave hearty thanks to Mr. Lekvold, the new Special Services Officer, who arranged the trip.



Ron Harper of TV's Garrison's Guerrillas autographs LCPL Thomas J. Gaa's cast. Randee Lynn, left, and Donna Marie, right, chat with PFC Richard Whitlock while Eddie Applegate, of the Patty Duke Show, and Theresa Vilicich visit with CPL Robert Gray. The actors and starlets visited the orthopedic wards on 2 April.

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Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Knollites speaking sadly of events of recent days and deploring the fact that such things can happen in our country. . . . Easter lilies in the Chapel. . . . Easter baskets in Navy Exchange. . . . Staffers exclaiming over the beautiful weather as they switch on the electric fans. . . . HM1 Paul Walters of PMT School receiving belated congratulations on his reenlistment. . . . The name "Charlie" suddenly appearing in front of the label on the Chaplain's Service mailbox. . . . Anna Mae Taylor of Legal wondering how it will feel to be married to a civilian after having been a Navy wife for 26 years. Her husband, Forrest, an ETCS at Schools Command, TI, retires 22 April. . . . YN2 Michael Brown and wife Connie happily considering the likelihood of having twins in June. . . .

WEDDING BELLS rang 30 March for Miss Constance Rulon, daughter of CAPT and Mrs. David B. Rulon, and Gary Leroy Burk, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Burk of Olympia, Wash. The marriage took place in the Treasure Island Chapel with Chaplain Kaelberer officiating. A reception in the Treasure Room of the Fleet Admiral Nimitz Club followed. The bride, a former Oak Knoll JANGO (one of three in the XO's family) is an Army Nurse Corps LT stationed at Letterman. Her husband is a 2nd LT in the Army Quartermaster Corps at Fort Irwin, near Barstow. Both are graduates of the University of Washington. Upon completion of their military service they will live in Olympia.

ALSO CHANGING THEIR NAMES from Miss to Mrs. were ENS Mary Ann Matthews, Outpa-

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Ebrahim Roshan took first place in the hospital's singles table tennis tournament. Roshan will head the four-man team which will represent Oak Knoll in the 12ND Tournament 16-18 April at Moffett Field. Other team members will be Charles Maher, D. E. Rickard and John Jolly.

Know Your Staff

HN Paul H. Jones Jr., a handsome fellow despite a swollen jaw from a tooth extraction, came to Oak Knoll 7 months ago after attending Corps School in San Diego. He has worked in Pediatrics and is now on duty in the admitting office.



Paul was born in Downey, California, and attended the University of California at Santa Barbara where he studied Business Administration. He enjoys swimming, baseball, and football.

College graduation, travel, and eventually marriage and a family are what Paul sees in his future. "I want to see the world before I settle down and have a family. That's one reason I joined the Navy," said the smiling HN.

Paul is very fond of children and considers his work on Pediatrics a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. "I enjoyed the kids and the staff was just great!"

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More Scuttlebutt . . .

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tient Clinic, who became Mrs. Leslie Silva 15 January in Menlo Park and now lives in San Francisco. . . . ENS Mary Ella Pallanck, Ward 45A, who became Mrs. Peter Nicholas 16 March in Minnesota, her home state. . . . And HN Sylvia Kelly, 65B, who on 5 April became the bride of former staffer Henri Kritten in San Jose, where they are making their home.

LIFE BEGAN 29 March for Joy Diana Wasson, 7 lb. 7½ oz. daughter of HM1 Forrest E. Wasson, Patient Affairs, and wife Billie.

THE SIDELINES

Ward 62 Cinches Tie for First Place

By Ron Brown

Despite the loss of the league's leading scorer, Lawrence, Ward 62 has managed to stay on top of the league with 6 wins and no losses as it defeated a determined 5 from surgery, 48-32. Johnson of Ward 62 led all scorers with 15 points to hold down 3rd place among the top scorers in the league. Johnson had been running second throughout most of the season to Lawrence of Ward 62, but was passed last week by Hough of Ward 50. Johnson now has 75 points in 5 games for an impressive 15 pt/game average.

Ward 62 has two games remaining, one with Urology, which should prove exciting, and the other with LAB/CSR. Ward 62 can do no worse than tie for first place, even if they were to lose their next two games. Their nearest rivals, PT/Dental and ENT/PHCY each have two losses.

Baggett Leads LAB CSR Past Ward 50

LAB/CSR evened their season's record at 3 wins and 3 losses last week after routing Ward 50 by a score of 40-36. Baggett led all scorers with 17 points on 7 field goals and 3 free throws to push him to 5th position among the top ten scorers.

Hough Moves To Second

John Hough of Ward 50 split the net for 14 points to gain 2nd place in the top ten with a total of 85 points in 6 games for a 14.2 pt/game average. Simon followed with 10 points for the losers.

PT/Dental Wins Squeaker Over ENT/PHCY; 41-36

With Hess paving the way with 14 points on 7 field goals, PT/Dental dealt ENT/PHCY a blow and pushed them into a tie for the 3rd spot among the leaders. PT/Dental's season record is now 4 wins and 2 losses with ENT/PHCY close by with 3 wins, 2 losses, along with idle Urology who holds down the other position of the 3rd spot with an identical 3 and 2 record. Valdez of ENT/PHCY led all scorers in a losing cause against PT/Dental with 20 points.

Standings as of 4 April.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
1 Ward 62	7	0	1.000
2 PT/Dental	4	2	.667
3 ENT/PHCY	4	2	.667
4 Urology	3	3	.500
5 Lab/CSR	3	3	.500
6 Surgery	3	3	.500
7 Marine Liaison	2	3	.400
8 Ward 50	1	5	.167
9 Project 49	0	6	.000

Men's Golf Team Off to Good Start

The Oak Knoll Men's Varsity Golf Team is off to a good start in the 1968 12ND golf league with an impressive win over Hunter's Point at San Francisco Naval Shipyard. The final score was 16½ to 10½.

Team members were Doctors Carson, Middlekauff, Nelson, and Howery; HMC Bull and HM1 Murray.

The team will host Moffett Field at Chabot Golf Course Tuesday at 1230.



Starting the second half with Ward 62 leading 31 to 19, Stone (22) of Urology and Johnson of Ward 62 reach for a jump ball as teammates White of Ward 62 (behind #22), Murphy (12) of Ward 62, Bradford (35) of Urology, Edmons (25) of Urology, and referee, HM1 Rudy Manahan look on. The game ended in a 45 to 33 win for the undefeated Ward 62 team.

CALL 593 . . .

Four season tickets to the Oakland Athletics Baseball games on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays have been purchased for the use of military personnel. Tickets may be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Tickets are for military personnel only . . . no dependents please. Come in and sign up soon!

The Bay Bombers Roller Derby team has offered the hospital free

tickets to their game 27 April against the Midwest Pioneers. The game is on Saturday at 1400. Special Services will accept telephone reservations through 17 April.

Camping Season is Almost Here! . . . Special Services rents not only sleeping bags, fishing gear, and general camping equipment, but it is now renting two new Apache Campers. Reservations are advised.



Bowling fans will have the chance to see in action one of the sport's all time greats, Paul Krumske of the Brunswick Advisory Staff. He will bowl against local talent and offer free instruction at the Oak Knoll Bowl on 17 April at 1100.

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Governor Reagan Visits Patients

Drive for Funds For Navy Relief To Start Monday

The annual drive for funds for Navy Relief will get under way next week, with CAPT H. E. Austin, CHC, USN, serving as chairman. LCDR Jane E. Pickering, NC, USN; LT James M. Rigler, CHC, USN; LTJG Ronald R. Aldrich, MSC, USNR; and Mrs. Lee Frier, civilian representative, are on the campaign committee.

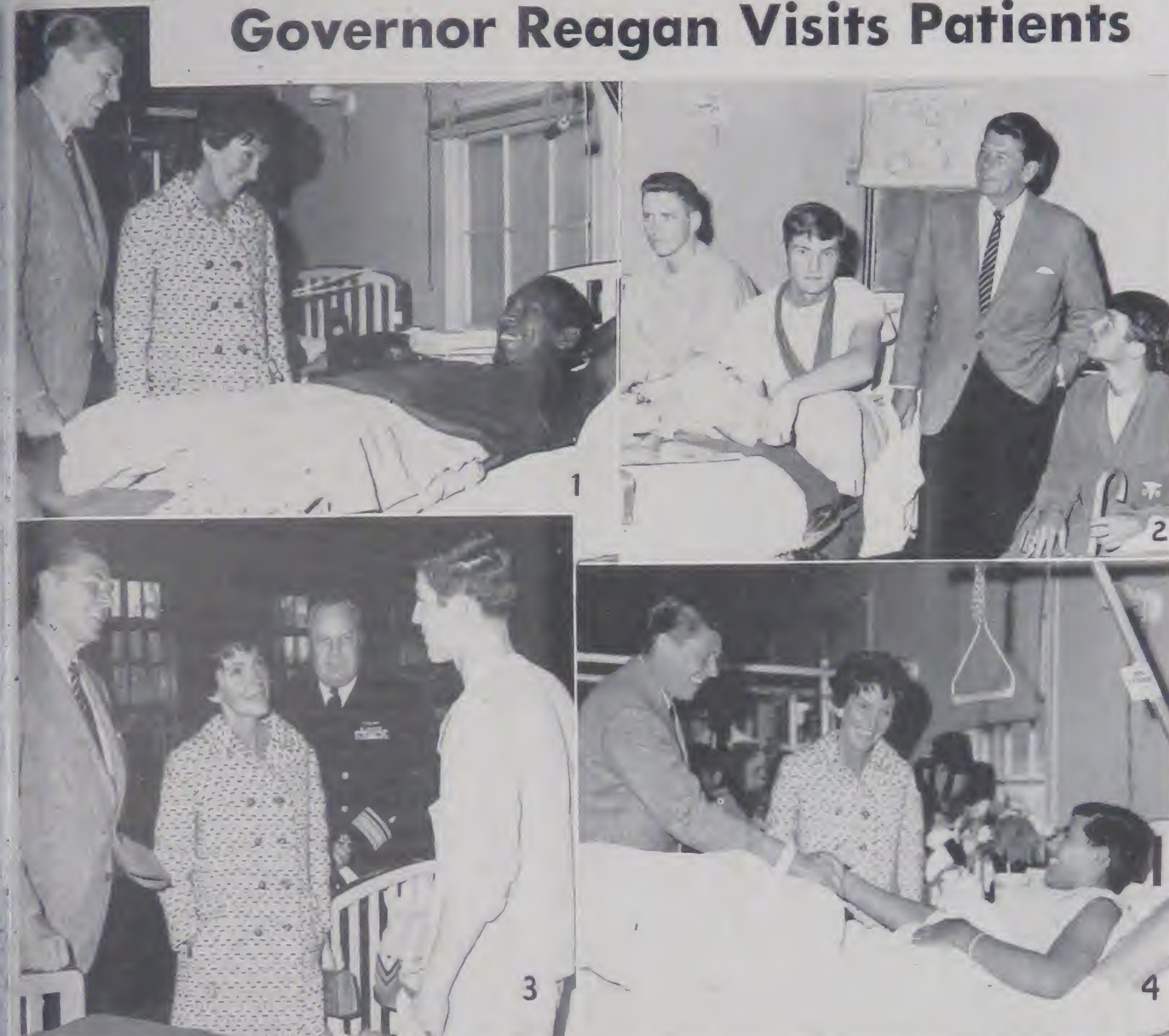
As it has been since it was organized in 1904, the Navy Relief Society is the Navy's own organization for the relief of distress among its own people.

In 1967 Navy Relief made 20,830 outright grants totaling more than \$1,460,000. Loans to 35,433 Navy and Marine Corps personnel totaled nearly \$3,000,000. Social worker and visiting nurse services, provision of layettes and child care nurseries, and grants to Navy Wives' Club Scholarship funds were supported by Navy Relief funds.

The Society makes its annual appeal for funds at this time of year throughout the nation. At Oak Knoll the campaign begins Monday and will run through 15 May. A generous response is needed to insure that Navy Relief can continue giving timely and appropriate assistance in times of family emergency.

Each service and division has a coordinator who will appoint keymen to contact each person in his area. All hands' help is needed so that the Navy can continue to "take care of its own."

Patients as well as staff will be given opportunity to contribute.



California's Governor Ronald Reagan and his attractive wife Nancy visited the Orthopedic Wards 17 April. (1) Looking particularly happy to meet the distinguished guests was CPL Leon Mims, USMC. Photo (2) shows LCPL Robert Sanders, HN Don Moyer, and CPL Clyde Edgell, all over 21 and ready to vote offering their political support to the Governor—even posting a REAGAN in '68 banner on the wall by way of greeting. (3) PFC Thomas Laffoon greeted the Governor and his lady as they were shown through the wards by Admiral Irons. (4) Mrs. Reagan was a little startled by the furry tarantula hanging over the head of LCPL Richard Gutierrez, but after the initial shock asked, "Does he really make you feel better?"

Two Staff Officers Earn Promotions

Two well known staff officers are receiving congratulations this week on their promotion to higher rank. They are the MSC's Glenn E. Pritchard of Fiscal & Supply, who was promoted to lieutenant commander, and NC's Nancy P. Looney, NC, USNR, who is now a lieutenant.

CHWRT John V. Reische of PMT School has been selected for advancement to W-4.

Want Your Diploma? Then Why Wait

It is possible to obtain your high school diploma during your stay at Oak Knoll!

Information may be obtained by giving your name to a Red Cross volunteer, who will ask Ronald Bishop of the Oakland Board of Education to contact you.

OB-GYN Service Taking Exhibits To ACOG Meeting

The OB-GYN Service will have four major scientific exhibits at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at The Palmer House, Chicago, 4-9 May.

Captain Semmens will conduct a postgraduate course and a seminar for the Fellowship besides the Breakfast and Luncheon Conferences he and CDR J. F. Wurzel will give. The resident staff will attend the meeting and monitor the exhibits.

Explorers at Scout-o-Rama

"Exploring Health" is the title of the exhibit Oak Knoll's Medical Explorer Scouts will have at the Scout-o-Rama at the Cow Palace tomorrow.

Four Staff Men Make Chief



MEET THE NEW CHIEFS—DKC Adam Demello of Disbursing; HMC Efren Tatad, CIC; DTC Roger Naylor, Dental; and Colonel Surratt, Pharmacy. Each has attained his new rate, new uniform, new pay, and new respect through study, hard work, good conduct, and fine military bearing. A couple of hours after this picture was taken in the auditorium, there might have been some question about the four chiefs' military appearance as they went through the traditional initiation into the CPO Club.

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Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS?

When the Bishop of Sweden came to the World Council meeting in Evanston, Ill., in 1956 he was asked what he would do about this and that problem that was facing Christianity. He replied: "What we call problems are God's educational opportunities." Someone else has suggested that "problems" are really "projects."

All of us face problems. Just to be alive is to have them. But what a different light is thrown upon them when they do become educational opportunities or projects! Then the frustrations and the endless weariness of problems become adventure and discovery.

And no man has to face any problem by himself. God is always there to give the strength and insight of His love, if we will only receive Him as Lord.

So the problems we have can either be lead weights about the necks of our lives or spring-boards into life itself. It depends on how we view them, but with God in our lives they are projects which God enables us to face and handle. And through the projects which the problems have become, we realize what it is to stand as God's man in a world that is not filled with problems but with opportunities.

CHAPLAIN JACK KALBERER

Sergeant Sojo Gets the Bronze Star

SGT Ralph Luis Sojo, USMC, was presented the Bronze Star Medal 9 April by LTCOL W. L. Melby, XO of the Marine Barracks, T.I. According to the citation, "Sergeant Sojo heroically distinguished himself by voluntarily entering a protective anti-personnel minefield during the hours of darkness with a rescue party to remove two Marines who had been wounded by an exploding mine. Sergeant Sojo assisted in the removal of one to a safe area and again with complete disregard for his own safety entered the minefield to recover the other wounded man. As the rescue party commenced to move out of the minefield another anti-personnel mine was detonated, seriously injuring Sergeant Sojo. Sergeant Sojo's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Sergeant Sojo lost both legs at the knee and his eyes were damaged in the explosion, but since

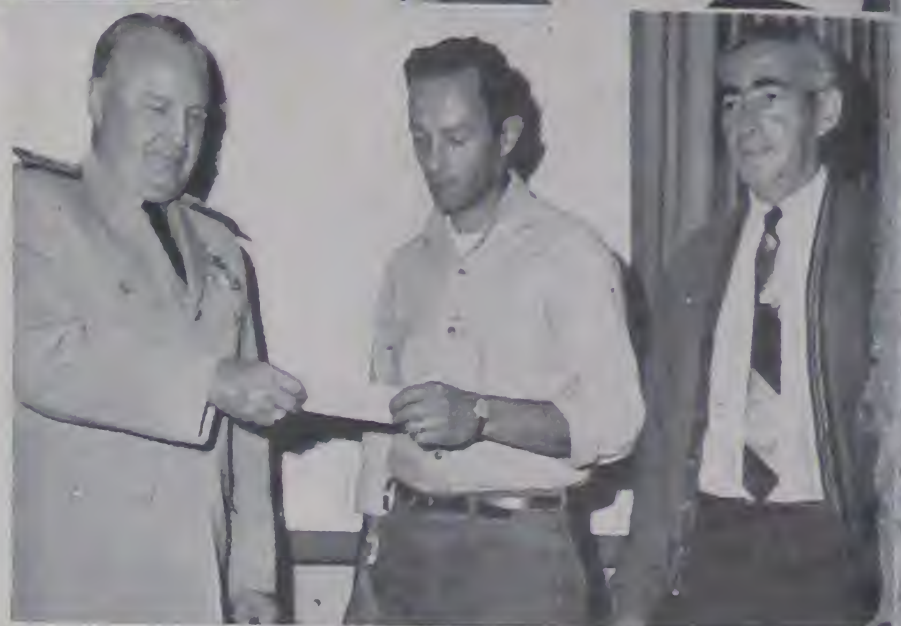


his admission 15 September, he has been fitted with artificial legs and has undergone several eye operations to remove shrapnel. The Sacramento Leatherneck plans to run a service station and "speed shop" when he leaves the hospital.



Nine civilians were recognized for length of service or Bene-Suggs at the CO's 18 April meeting with supervisors. Burton Goodspeed of Food Service, Jerry Davis, Maintenance; Betty Darrimon, Fiscal and Supply; Leslie Spect, Maintenance;

and Eddie Taper, Food Service, received 20-Year awards for Federal Service. Lela Mattos, Nursing Service, not pictured, has also completed her 20 years' service. In the lower photo the Admiral presents James Voorhees of Machine Shop and Isadore Tore, Pharmacy, checks for beneficial suggestions. Mr. Voorhees received \$15 for his suggestion for an improved method of installing straps on gurneys. Mr. Tore received \$20 for his idea for a rack to hold gallon jugs in delivery trucks. Raymond Voigt, firefighter, not present for the picture, received \$15 for his suggestion for extending the pipe to divert water on a sprinkler test, which prevents rust and dirt stains on the buildings.



RADM Kyes Sends Anniversary Greetings On 20th Anniversary of DT Rating

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of our Dental Technician rating, established 22 April 1948, I wish to congratulate you on two decades of outstanding service to humanity, the U. S. Navy, and to your country. The notable contributions of our technicians in war and peace have well justified the decision to establish and train a cadre of men and women to aid in the dental treatment of the Navy and Marine Corps. The entire Dental Corps is proud of your accomplishments.

To you, your wives and families, best wishes for an even brighter future.

Cordially yours,
F. M. Kyes

Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (Dentistry) and Chief Dental Division

CAPT J. P. Semmens Elected Chairman Armed Forces District of ACOG

CAPT James P. Semmens, Chief of the OB-GYN Service, was recently elected Chairman of the Armed Forces District of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He will take office 27 October 1968 at the 17th Annual Meeting, which will be held at NH, San Deigo.

In addition to his present ap-

pointment to the Committee on Audio-visual Education and the Committee on Nominations of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, he has been appointed to the Committee on Family Life Education and made a member of the Executive Board of the College.



New HM1s, front row, left to right, are Larry Webb, Edmund Niec, James Campbell, Augustine Wright, Rex Thomas, Rodney Hawley. Ernesto Jucutan made SD1. New HM2s, front row, left to right, are Edwin Martin, Byron Edmondson, John Lowery, John Balken, and Elta Friedman. In the second row are Lance Gilley, Paul Hamilton, Elipidio Castaneda, Wayne Inanesi, Barry Neill, Thomas Hauser, Ernesto Lucero, Richard Rim-tamaki, Robert Morgan, Richard Allen, Richard Everett, Nicholas Miles, Patrick Golden, and Carl McCasland. In the third row are Read Potte, Lloyd Forbes, Stephen Peterson, Thomas Pozon, Stephen Baughman, James Roeder, John Palmer, Michael Patterson, Paul Featherstone, Kenneth Ong, Richard Pence, Jerry Blum, and Paul Jager. HM2 Greg Nichols was absent on official duties when the photo was taken.



HM2 Sidney M. Truelove is presented the Mallinckrodt Award for outstanding performance by an X-ray tech student. CDR J. S. Garrison, Chief of Radiology, made the first annual presentation of the award at the CPO Club 17 April. The award which is sponsored by the Mallinckrodt Pharmaceutical Company, is presented to the outstanding student as defined by grades, performance, conduct, initiative, ability, appearance, and tact.

Know Your Staff

CDR Gloria Stipe, who arrived from cold Kodiak 14 February, quickly warmed to the subject when asked what she considers her outstanding assignment. "Teaching Corps School, both A and B, at San Diego," said the snappy, blue-eyed commander, now on duty in Education.



CDR Stipe earned her RN in 1949 at Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa. — her home town. She entered the Nurse Corps in 1951 when nurses were needed during the Korean conflict. Under Navy auspices CDR Stipe earned her BS degree in nursing at the University of Oregon, and while teaching corpsmen in San Diego, she studied evenings at California Western University, San Diego, and in 1967 received her MA in human relations.

While not educating herself and others she wedges in a little golf and bowling.

"Cheer up, old man! There's other fish in the sea."

Rejected Suitor: "Yes, but the last one took all my bait!"

IN THE NEW HOSPITAL

Pneumatic Tubes Will Carry Records, Small Supplies To and From 40 Stations With Speed and Efficiency

Articles previously appearing in the Oak Leaf have described methods of communication and distribution in the new hospital. Another modern system which will greatly enhance the efficiency of the hospital personnel is the pneumatic tube system.

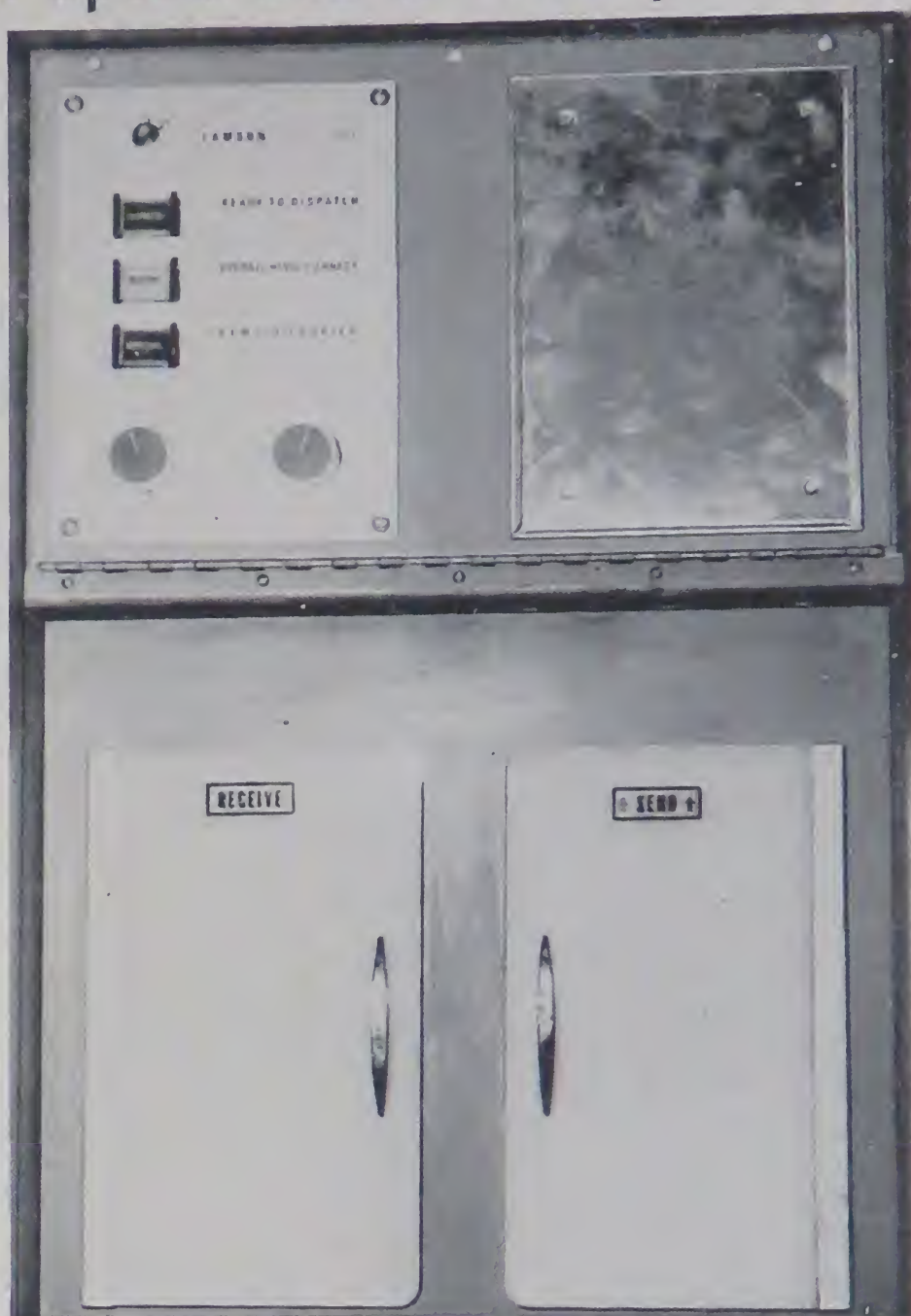
The highly specialized and complex medical center of today is dependent to a large extent on effective communication between many health professionals. No matter how sophisticated the auto-analyzer or the diagnostic procedure, no action beneficial to the patient occurs until the data is communicated to the attending physician who initiates the appropriate action. The volume of such communications in a teaching hospital of this size obviously precludes face to face verbal communication. Therefore, laboratory studies, X-ray examinations, and consultations all generate documents which flow to the patient care unit and eventually to the patient's chart.

In the present hospital, these reports must be physically transported by hospital personnel at a great loss of productive man-hours and unnecessary delays. Upon moving to the new hospital, the pneumatic tube system will replace the traditional runner, with the end result being improved service to the patient care units and the medical staff.

The pneumatic tube system will also be used to transport small items from CSR, Pharmacy, Supply and Medical Records. Out-patient records for emergency consultation in clinics can be requested and received quickly by use of the pneumatic tube system.

The pneumatic tube system is a network of interconnecting tubes between more than forty stations located throughout the hospital. Each station has the capability to send and receive carriers. The carriers are moved through the tubes by the pressure of air.

The sending unit will insert the carrier into the tube, dial the code of the receiving unit, and press the appropriate button. The carrier will then be automatically sent to the receiving station. The photographs above reflect the typical pneumatic tube station and carrier.



The pneumatic tube system, like most mechanical equipment, is highly reliable except when subjected to abuse or neglect. To assure correct and optimal usage

of the pneumatic tube system, training or equipment orientation will be conducted for hospital personnel prior to the move into the new hospital in July.

MEDICAL LEXICON

Exudate: A former girl friend.
Flatulet: A rented apartment.
Foramen: Supervisors.
Formulary: Before now.
Friable: Can be cooked.
Funiculus: Italian songs.
Furuncle: An animal's relative.
Gangrene: Stolen money.
Geriatrics: Mrs. Attrics' little boy.
G I Series: Baseball games between teams of soldiers.
Glutinous: Hoggish.
Granule: A nice Christmas.
Grippe: A suitcase.
Gullet: A small bird.
Guttural: Low down—degenerate.
Hangnail: A coat hook.
Humerus: Funny.
Infect: According to the truth.
Infirm: A partner.
Influenzal: Having much power.
Intestinal: Being tried out.

—from American Hospitals

Amputees From WWII, Korea Visit Those From Vietnam

Four amputees from World War II and Korea flew up from Los Angeles recently to spend a day talking with Vietnam amputees regarding their transition to civilian life and encouraging them to continue their education.

John Hardy, Associate Professor, Department of Business and Economics, Pepperdine College, who was fitted with a prosthesis at Oak Knoll during the Korean War, made arrangements for the visit. Another NPRL "alumnus" was William F. Cozad, swimming pool contractor, who became an amputee as the result of Korean War wounds. The other visitors were Pat McGuiness, American Broadcasting Co. newscaster-editor; and William Sullivan, service manager for Sterling Electric Motors, Inc.



New HM3s are, front row, left to right, Frederick Jensen, Theodore Atkins, Norman Baker, Ronald Beavers, James Barker, Kristine Jensen, Christine Johnston, Dorothy Jackson, Ellen Henson, Susan Boerema, Ross Mayo, Gary Severson, Larry Carlson, and Douglas Nakamura. In the second row are David Harnly, Brian Ridpath, John Visser, James Seamans, Fred Gretenhart, Michael Hoenig, Vernon Read, Lawrence Mainer, Gary Britton, Lloyd Forbes, Danny Uzzell, Charles Allen, Ray Bias, and Anthony Armstrong. In the third row are Jimmy Padilla, Dennis Kauffman, Wayne Forgie, Timothy Shalk, Chester Johns, Gary Ullrich, Jerry Van Tassel, Richard Van Gordon, Paul Nank, Michael Baker, and Cecil Dunlap. In the fourth row are Brian Mitchell, Emery Eno, Gary Perkins, Andrew Smith, Kim Garthwaite, Dennis Cahoon, Ian Barry-Smith, James Jung, Rollin Neetz, and Douglas Thomy.

Know Your Staff Librarian



James E. Deering, Crew's Librarian, is a San Franciscan by birth and education. He earned his BA in history and his elementary and secondary teaching credentials at the University of San Francisco. He became interested in library work while holding a part-time job at the San Francisco Public Library during college and returned to it after teaching in Freedom, Arcata, and at a juvenile home in San Francisco. He came to Oak Knoll in September 1966 from Hayward Public Library.

Besides cataloging and classifying Oak Knoll's 16,443 books Mr. Deering buys books and magazines and newspaper subscriptions, not to mention distributing the nearly 1500 paperbacks donated to the hospital every two months.

"Westerns and Science Fiction are the over-all favorites," said Mr. Deering as he paused with his book cart between wards, where he circulates books and magazines four days a week. New to the library are the "talking books," on records, which are of special importance to the blind and those who have difficulty reading. Additional records and a new listening system will be purchased when the library moves to Bldg. 101.

Collecting books on San Francisco and California, photography, and attending auctions are Mr. Deering's hobbies. He plans to continue his librarianship studies—and has set 4 May aside for a wedding date.



It was a big week for Security as two of their men reenlisted. HN Lee Waldon enlisted 12 April in the regular Navy for 6 years after four years of duty in the Naval Reserve. Waldon comes from Morgan Hill, California, and attended Gavalan Junior College. CAPT D. B. Rulon did the honors.

CS1 (SS) David L. Heim reenlisted 16 April for 4 more years. Heim who has over 10 years in, reported to Oak Knoll 12 November. His wife, Bernice, and their two children make their home in Oakland. CDR A. J. Schwab watches as Heim signs on the dotted line.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMP ADDS 12ND CROWN

Ebrahim Roshan of OR School on 16 and 17 April competed against 48 contestants from other 12ND commands and emerged fourth highest in the tournament. More important, he ended tops in B Command competition, which gave him the coveted title as "B" table tennis champion of the 12ND.

Roshan's teammates — Joe Maher of Marine Liaison and Don Rickard of Medical Photo Arts—were eliminated earlier in the talent-loaded tournament, held at Moffett Field.

VARSITY GOLFERS LOSE TWO

The Oak Knoll Varsity Golf Team after opening the young season with an impressive win over Hunters Point fell prey to a pair of strong teams in Treasure Island and Moffett Field. The team hit well but had trouble on the greens and conceded that TI and Moffett were two very good teams.

The season record is now one win and two losses.

Next Tuesday the team hosts Mare Island at the Chabot course and hopes to get back in the win column. The teams tee-off at 1230.

MSC OFFICERS LOSE TO CPO'S

With DKC Adam Demello ably handling pitching chores for the chiefs, MSC officers found the going rough as they were downed 15-6 in the 1968 softball season opener.

Highlighting the afternoon's festivities was the appearance of Commander Schwab, AO, who reached first on two occasions and managed to score 1 of the 6 runs made by the MSC officers. Giving plenty of moral support was CDR Boudreaux of the MSCs. The game was played Friday, 19 April, before a small but enthusiastic audience including Admiral Irons.

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SGT: "How about a cigarette?"

PVT: "I thought you had quit smoking."

SGT: "I'm just to the first stage. I've quit buying."



Oak Knoll's Men's Volleyball Team, the 12th Naval District title holders, proudly display their trophies after presenting Admiral Irons the command trophy. The team members are, left to right, front row HM2 Larry Howard, LT Tom Graves, and LT Larry Nelson. In the back row are HM2 Carl McCasland, LT Dan Kelly, and LT Phil Vogt.

SIDELINE SCENES

Sherrill Leads PT/Dental to Win Over Marines

By Ron Brown

Led by Sherrill with 19 points, several coming on key drives around his opponents, PT/Dental all but eliminated Marine Liaison from the basketball play-offs. The Marines were tied for 4th spot in the league but now find themselves in a 5th place tie with LAB/CSR and Surgery.

Contributing immensely to PT/Dental's win over Marine Liaison were Drs. Bagshaw and Graves with 7 and 8 points respectively.

Clark led Marine Liaison with 18 points, 12 of which came in the 2nd half. Faiola scored 9 to push himself to 8th spot on the top ten list with 70 points in 7 games for an even 10 pt/game average.

ENT/PHCY 35; SURGERY 19

Chris Valdez led his teammates with 15 points in 5 games and rose to 5th among leading scorers in the league. He is boasting a 17 pt/game average. Nicholson and Kneebone had 8 and 7 points respectively to aid ENT/PHCY against Surgery.

Surgery divided its scoring almost evenly between 4 players—Welch, Jones, and Dr. Rivers each making 5 and Guerrero netting 4 to account for Surgery's 19.

UROLOGY SQUEAKS BY PROJECT 49 — 36-21

What appeared to be the biggest upset of the year fell by the wayside as Urology came from behind to beat Project 49.

Project 49 led at the half by a score of 15-13. The addition of Turnbow to the Project 49 team almost made the difference as he split the net for 8 points.

Al Hazuda led Project 49 with 9 points, his season high. Edmonds led Urology with 15 to push him to the number 4 spot in the top ten with 87 points in 6 games for a 14.5 pt/game average.

With one game left, Urology can earn a spot in the play-offs with a win over Ward 50 next week.

OAK KNOLL WAVES COMPETE IN 12ND BOWLING CLASSIC

With HM3 Chris Johnston and HN Charlene Metrano each bowling 200 or better games, the Oak Knoll Waves (though not placing anyone in the 12ND's top 5) bowled well and gained good experience in competition bowling.

Others bowling for the Knoll were LT Linda Davis, LTJG Susan Haberkorn, and HM2 Ros Morganti.



Trophies for Mary and Chris

WAVES' TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT COMPLETED

HM3 Chris Johnston emerged as station champion in the recently completed WAVES' table tennis tournament. HM1 Mar Donahue was runner-up, and third and fourth went to HM Barbara Stevenson and HN Josi Martin.

These four represented the hospital in the 12ND tournament at TI, too late to make this issue of the OAK LEAF.

A naval base is where the sailor are full of life, happiness and the pursuit of liberty.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS MONDAY AT 1530

Tryouts for the station varsity softball team are scheduled for Monday, 29 April, at 1530. Call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264 for further information.

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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Navy Nurses To Celebrate

Nurse Corps Officers will turn the clock back—and forward—tomorrow night when they celebrate the 60th birthday of their corps at a gala champagne buffet in the Officers' Club.

"Sixty Years—Then and Now"—is the theme, which will be presented in picture and poster and by live models and manikins wearing uniforms from the past and present. A surprise feature of the party will be the unveiling of the Navy Nurse of the Future.

Chairman of the event, for which more than 400 guests are expected, is CDR Lorraine Schuh. Her committee includes LCDRs Nadine Swoboda and Dolores Staudenraus; LTs Susanne Russell and Catherine Tate; LTJGs Karen Munson, Sharon Kosch, Patricia Moher, Freda Warren, Dorothy MacPherson; and Ensigns Frances Neff, Sheila Krauser, and Mary Lacko.



Another step up.

Lee Frier Becomes Personnel Assistant

From CAF2 clerk at Warner-Robbins Air Technical Service Command at Robbins Field, Georgia, to GS12 Personnel Assistant at Oak Knoll. That's the story of lively Lee Frier's Civil Service career.

Mrs. Frier, an Oaklander since her parents brought her here from Michigan at age 6, earned her BA in Public Administration at U.C., Berkeley, in 1942 and while still in school passed the Civil Service test for Junior Management Assistant. Her first call (though she didn't accept it) came from Naval Supply Center, Oakland, where she was later to serve successively as clerk-typist, property and supply clerk, wage and classification specialist, placement specialist, and personnel staffing specialist. After nearly 20 years at NSC, Mrs. Frier came to Oak Knoll last September as position classifier.

It took a telephone call to the Office of Civilian Manpower Management in Washington to obtain final approval of her promotion to the key civilian post, which was formerly held by Terrence Wright.

"I have always been lucky in having interesting jobs, and I look forward with interest and enthusiasm to my new assignment here. It's a real challenge," said the vivacious brunette.

Before her husband's death in October 1965, Mrs. Frier traveled with him to Europe. She has been to Hawaii and Mexico and hopes to spend her next vacation in Taiwan. Golf and studying the stock market are other hobbies for the new personnel assistant, who lives in Oakland in a small apartment with a big view.

Enlisted Plan Picnic and Ball

The Enlisted Recreation Committee met 3 May to discuss tentative plans for a picnic in late May, probably on Memorial Day, and for the Hospital Corps Anniversary Ball to be held 15 June.

Plans for the picnic are not yet firm, but they will be publicized in the next OAK LEAF and in the Plan-of-the-Day.

In the meantime, arrangements are already in full swing for the ball — major social event of the year for enlisted personnel.

The Hospital Corps will celebrate its 70th Anniversary at a Ball to be held at the Holiday House in Hayward. Television comedian Joey Ross or Car 54 Where Are You? will be emcee. The menu will include a 9 oz. New York steak. "We had a good ball last year, but we want this year's to be better," emphasized HM1 Richard Almos, committee member. "We need enthusiastic young blood to help us plan these events."

"Money is available. What the committee needs is help and suggestions," HM1 F. E. Matthews, President, agreed.

Persons who are willing to help the committee with either the Picnic or the Hospital Corps Ball are encouraged to contact HM1 Matthews at Ext. 478.



GYSGT Russell W. Curtis receives the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest award, for extraordinary heroism. Presenting the medal at Loyalty Day ceremonies in San Francisco is COL Donald R. Kennedy, Director, 12th Marine Corps District.

GYSGT Curtis Earns Navy Cross

GYSGT Russell W. Curtis of 75A received both the Navy Cross, second highest award for heroism, and the Bronze Star at Loyalty Day ceremonies in the San Francisco City Hall Plaza.

Both were for actions involving the destruction of booby traps. In the citation that accompanied the Navy Cross, Sergeant Curtis was commended for saving his comrades from death and injury when he threw himself on a grenade to absorb the impact of the explosion with his own body.

With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Curtis shoved a comrade aside and shouted a warning. Unable to throw the grenade because of proximity of friendly troops, he elected to absorb the explosion with his own body. As a result of his wounds he lost his left arm at the elbow. His vision is impaired by shrapnel wounds of both eyes.

The hero's wife Teddy, a patient at NH, St. Albans, and his parents, Air Force MSGT and Mrs. Harold W. Curtis, were here for the ceremony.

LTJG Rickey Eckler, USNR, a former patient on 69A, received the Bronze Star at the Loyalty Day observance.

MAJ U'Ren Receives Another Medal

When MAJ William F. H. U'Ren, Jr., USMC, of 69B received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam, his wife Marie and son William were proud onlookers. The presentation was made by COL L. D. Grow, CO of the TI Marine Barracks.

The award was for the Major's service with the First Battalion, Seventh Marine Division, from 14 September 1967 to 16 January 1968. "Initially serving as CO of

Company B, he molded his men into a highly motivated fighting force. . . . Under his aggressive leadership, his unit significantly curtailed enemy activity, inflicted heavy casualties on the VC, and obtained valuable intelligence information. . . . Reassigned as the Battalion Operations Officer on 19 October, Major U'Ren devised an aggressive plan to restrict enemy movements. Despite adverse weather conditions and shortages of personnel and quipment, he initiated and supervised the execution of over 100 day and night patrols which immeasurably enhanced the security of his unit's operational area," the citation read in part.

Major U'Ren previously received the Silver Star for heroic action on 13 January, when he risked his life by placing his body between members of his reconnaissance patrol and an enemy mine. He is recovering on Ward 69A from the resulting multiple shrapnel wounds, which necessitated amputation of his right leg above the knee.

The Major's home is in San Bruno. In addition to his wife and son, his family includes an 18-month-old daughter, Christine.



A hero is recognized.

The Oak Leaf

Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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"EXCUSES"

"Then said He (Jesus) unto him, 'A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, 'Come; for all things are now ready.' And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'" (Luke 14:16-20)

Benjamin Franklin said, "He that is good for making excuses, is seldom good for anything else."

Excuses began in the Garden of Eden. When God confronted Adam with his sin, Adam blamed the woman. When God confronted Eve, she blamed the Serpent. We are prone to defend ourselves when we have done wrong or not done what we should.

The excuse maker is really saying, "I want my way. Possessions mean more to me than doing God's will. Participation in this world's system is of more value than to be in the Kingdom of God. Physical relationships must come first."

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) The demand that God makes upon our lives is complete. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices on His Altar. This comes first, not after everything else is taken care of. We should meet God before we meet anyone else in the morning. Our first payment of money belongs to God, not last, in case there is any left over after expenses are paid. The service we render others should be our primary motivation.

A religion that does not cost much is not worth much. This does not mean that we could ever earn enough to pay for our salvation. It does not mean that we could ever be good enough to merit it. It does mean that when we say "yes" to Jesus Christ, it is serious business. He asks for complete loyalty. He demands first place.

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" (Matthew 22:37-49)

When you and I look on the Cross and see Jesus crucified for our sins, it should cause us to let go of our excuses and follow Him wherever He leads.

—LCDR HOMER L. SCHNICK, CHC
Protestant Chaplain

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The Veterans Administration reports that Vietnam veterans are now completing military service and returning home at the rate of 70,000 a month.

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U.S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares are the best investment you can make in the future of America.



Six Operating Room Technicians were graduated on 26 April. In the front row from left to right, they are HN Roger Freimarek, HM3 Ernest Lucero, HM2 Julia Miller, PO2 Ebrahim Roshan, HM3 James Hudson, and HM3 Gary Stogsdill. Presenting their congratulations are LCDR Jay Cox, of Orthopedics, speaker at the ceremony, LCDR A. F. Stafford, OR Supervisor, LCDR M. L. Pinto, Instructor, CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief of Surgical Service, and HM1 Jesse Clark, Enlisted Instructor. Freimarek, Hudson, and Stogsdill will report to Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington. Lucero will report to Naval Dispensary, Seattle, Washington. Miller will report to Naval Hospital, Great Lakes. Ebrahim Roshan will return to Iran.



Patients at Oak Knoll heard beautiful organ music played by a beautiful blonde on 25 April when the talented Miss Idaho, Kris Phillips, entertained on the wards with her Hammond Organ. The green-eyed coed is a sophomore at Idaho State University, where she is majoring in pre-med. In addition to playing the organ, Kris, a native of Rupert, Idaho, is a crack fisherwoman, pilots a plane, loves to water and snow ski, was a high school and college debater and valedictorian of her high school class. Her performance here was co-sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Hammond Organ Company.

O'Wives Help HOPE

The Officers' Wives' Club picnicked and held a flea market in the courtyard of the Officers' Club Wednesday, with the proceeds going to USS HOPE.

Speaker of the day was Dr. W. H. O'Grady, East Bay chairman of Project Hope. Dr. O'Grady, a retired Dental Corps captain now practicing in Oakland, has a daughter who is a nursing instructor and has been on a trip to Peru aboard the HOPE.

Navy Relief pins were awarded by Mrs. E. P. Irons, and that part of the program will be covered in the next OAK LEAF.

Luncheon arrangements were made by Mrs. D. J. Pascoe and Mrs. Melvin Borowsky.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Karl J. Reckenthaler, third year radiology resident, who has been promoted to commander, and the Nurse Corps' Susan L. Packer, who is now a LTJG.

Know Your Staff



Stella Bush has served eight Chief Nurses in the 17 years she has worked at Oak Knoll as secretary in the Nursing Service office. "When I started working here, the Chief Nurses were much older than I, but they seem to be getting younger all the time or am I just getting older?" pondered the charming Mrs. Bush.

A native of New Jersey, Stella married her childhood sweetheart, Garrett, 32 years ago. The Bushes moved to San Diego in 1946 and came to the Bay Area in 1950. They now make their home in San Leandro. They have two married children—Garrett, Jr., a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, and Marilyn, a graduate of San Francisco State. The Bushes own a 21' boat, the Blue Star, and spend much of their spare time boating on the Bay.

"The new hospital is a dream-come-true," Mrs. Bush said. "There was talk of one when I first came, but now it's an actuality. Another dream I hope come true is for the Nurse Corps to be headed by an admiral."

Scuttlebutt

WEDDING BELLS rang 6 April for HN Unaville Bannister and YN2 Lee Bernard Heavlin of Carrier Div 9, NAS, San Diego. The row-exchange took place in the Navy Chapel at Terminal Island, Long Beach. The two met at a USO dance in Lancaster, Pa., when she was a boot at Bainbridge and he was waiting for B and C School here.

PLEASANT SIGHTS: The bumper sticker that reads "Snoopy for President." . . . The pretty girl in luffy curler-cover kissing her corpsman goodby and moving into the driver's seat as he heads toward Pharmacy. . . . Evan Wolfe tooling along in a shiny new blue and white camper. . . . Arlene Rau of Steno Pool slipping a snack through a door under the Ad Bldg. to Cicero, the cat, whose favorite shrubbery became a casualty of the lean-up campaign. . . . Officers and their ladies enjoying Saturday's luau.

SCHNAPS NEEDS A BATH and brushing. So read the note attached to the collar of Dr. Dobbie's wire-haired dachshund when he returned from Ward 56. "If his appearance does not improve soon," the note continued, "he will be restricted from mouching (sic) and visiting various patients on our ward." A P.S. included an offer to bathe Schnaps. The reply:

Subj: Schnaps, the Hippie
1. It is recognized with great regret that Schnaps has succumbed to the general California environment and become a true hippy. His long, unkempt hair is often matted or straw-filled, and his fondness for rolling in dead animals frequently results in a strange fragrance. Along with his general unconcern about his appearance, he has developed great expertise as a panhandler.
2. All attempts to correct his attitude or modify his condition have met with failure and frustration. We would welcome new efforts or approaches in his behalf, including bathing and brushing. In spite of it all we love Schnaps very much and hope you do too. Signed,
Schnaps's Family

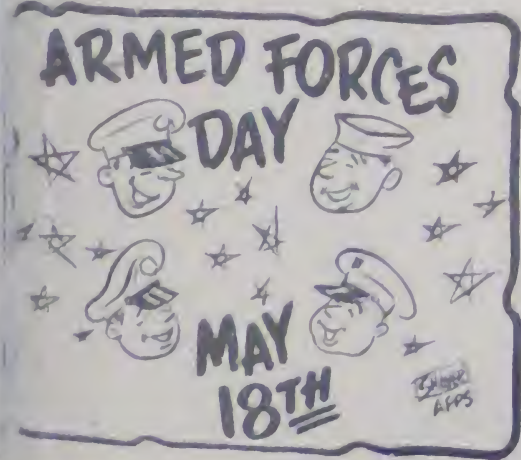
Life began 11 April for Daniel Byrne Caulfield, 8 lb. 11 oz. son of LCDR Phillip Caulfield, Psychiatry, and wife Margit . . . 17 April for Troy Anthony Surratt, 7 lb. 11 oz. son of HMC Colonel Surratt, Pharmacy, and wife Judy. . . . 1 May for Robert Harold Burkett, 1b. 3½ oz. son of LCDR Patrick Burkett, ENT-Surgery, and wife Ivila . . . 5 May for Laura Danielle Russell, 6 lb. 14½ oz. daughter of HN Mark Russell, OR Tech, and wife Mary.

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Sailors Wife: "Remember when we were first married, you used to say I had a shape like a beautiful ship?"
Sailor: "Yeah! But since then your cargo has shifted."

—usn—

Middle age is the time when the gleam in your eyes is just the sun reflecting off your glasses.



SIX STAFFERS RETIRE: (1) When Edna Rowan checked out 29 April after 19 years as Special Services secretary-bookkeeper, ENS William Lekvold, one of 28 Special Services Officers with whom she served, looked over her shoulder at the Letter of Appreciation she received from the CO. Mrs. Rowan on 4 May became the wife of long-time friend Harvey Larke of Castro Valley. (2) Bernie Garcia and Paul Germolis shared cake-cutting honors when Public Works personnel wished them smooth sailing and presented each a fishing rod and reel. Mr. Germolis, joiner, started Federal Service in 1941 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, had been at Oak Knoll since 1948. (3) Fielding Pettijohn had served the hospital for 15 years, was in Federal Service 24. Ernie Sivertson, his supervisor, was among the many on hand to wish him well as he retired. (4) Maggie Miller, laborer cleaner, retired 30 April after 22 years' service. Bill Whittington was with her when the Admiral expressed his appreciation. Mrs. Miller's husband, Eugene, retired a year ago, and together they had served the hospital 42 years. At right, HMC James H. Casserly was released to inactive duty 17 April after 24 years' service. His wife and son saw him piped ashore.



Last Plank-Owner Retires After 25 Years

With the departure last week of Bernard Garcia, Oak Knoll lost its last "plank-owner," but his work will live on.
Bernie reported to the Oak Knoll Country Club in April 1942 as a laborer for the K. E. Parker Co., builders of the hospital. Three months later he became a Civil Service laborer for the Navy. Bernie's major recollection of the commissioning 1 July 1942 is that it was brief, but he clearly recalls that he spent the 4 July holiday in the shade behind the caddy house making multiple cuttings of shrubs and plants.
The hills were already dotted with live oaks and other native

trees, and some eucalyptus grew around the clubhouse.
"The first trees we added were the deodora cedars. Everywhere we planted seedlings. Sometimes people sent for us to get big trees that had outgrown their yards.
"Yes, I planted the lawn in Gendreau Circle," Bernie recalled. "There was a big hole about six feet deep around the flagpole. Seabee patients manned trucks and helped fill it with dirt from knolls leveled to make way for buildings."
Bernie started all the wild lilac from cuttings from one tree that stood in front of the then nearby Oak Knoll nursery.

Promoted to gardener in 1944, Bernie supervised development and maintenance of roads and grounds and the work of 40 to 50 men. In 1948 he became head gardener.
"I've enjoyed everything about my service at Oak Knoll," said the twinkly-eyed Bernie. But when asked what he considers his most exciting experience here, he quickly replied, "My retirement!"
Bernie lives in San Lorenzo with his wife Mary. He plans to do a little fishing with his grandson, using the new rod and reel presented him by his fellow employees.



(1) HM1 Raynold Rangel, PMT School, is congratulated by CHWRT J. V. Reische on his reenlistment 30 April. (2) HMC David Lodge, OOD Desk, reenlisted 2 May for 4 years. (3) HM2 Richard Swalley of Security signed up for six years under the Variable Reenlistment Bonus Program through which he will receive \$4,850. (4) HM2 Kenneth Ong of X-ray reenlisted for 6 years under the Star Program. He will receive a total of \$5,000.

Scenes From the Sidelines

By Ron Brown

ENT/PHCY and PT/Dental In Championship Game

Last week the regular Intramural Basketball League ended, with the play-offs getting under way. Ward 62 ended in first with an 8-0 record followed by ENT/PHCY and PT/Dental tied for second with identical 6-2 records. Urology barely nosed out Surgery for fourth by a score of 51 to 48. With the standings the way they were, PT/Dental opened the play-offs against Ward 62 and defeated them, 53 to 33. Sherrill of PT/Dental scored 19 points, followed by Hess with 10. White hit for 13 in a losing cause for Ward 62.

ENT/PHCY Reaches Finals

Because of the time element involved and availability of King Junior High at a premium, Urology had to play 2 games in one night. They opened with a 51 to 48

win over Surgery to give them fourth spot in the play-offs. After a 45-minute rest, they came against ENT/PHCY and lost, 69-46. Valdez of ENT/PHCY led all scorers with 28 points followed by Caskelli with 12.

Urology Ace Wins Scoring Title

Edmonds of Urology nosed out previously transferred Lawrence of Ward 62 for the scoring title with a total of 106 points in 7 games to Lawrence's 103 in 5 games. Valdez of ENT/PHCY tied with Hough of Ward 50 for 3rd with 99 points followed by Baggett of LAB/CSR with 65 points.

The results of the championship game will be in the next issue of the Oak Leaf.

Golfers Defeat NSC

Oak Knoll golfers defeated NSC, Oakland, at Chabot Tuesday, 19½ to 7½. They have won 3 and lost 3 so far, but in B Command competition they have won 1 and lost none.

Softball Opener Tuesday

The first Varsity Softball Game will be played with Hunters Point there Tuesday, 14 May, at 1700.

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"My husband got angry last night and told me to go to the devil."

"What are you going to do about that?"

"I'm going straight home to mother."

Swimming Meet at T.I. 25-26 June

The Twelfth Naval District Swimming Meet for Men will be held at Naval Station, Treasure Island, 25-26 June at 2000.

The dates and order of events are:

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- (1) Freestyle, 100 meters.
- (2) Breaststroke, 200 meters.
- (3) Individual Relay (Medley), 400 meters.
- (4) Diving, preliminary (five dives from either one or three meter board and one dive from each of the five groups).
- (5) Medley Relay, 400 meters, four men.
- (6) Fifteen minutes rest period.
- (7) Freestyle, 1500 meters.

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- (1) Freestyle, 400 meters.
- (2) Backstroke, 200 meters.
- (3) Butterfly, 200 meters.
- (4) Diving, finals (five dives from either one or three meter board and one dive from each of the five groups).



HMC E. H. Collins, of Food Service, stands beside the Cessna Cardinal, before taking off from the Paso Robles Airport on a return flight to Hayward where the plane is hangared.

Oak Knoll Flying Club Purchases New Cessna: "The Only Way to Fly"

The Oak Knoll Flying Club recently purchased a new fully instrumented, four-passenger Cessna Cardinal for the use of its members.

The club was organized several years ago by a group of Oak Knoll

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Sailor's Father: Where is my son?

MAA: AWOL

Father: What do you mean by that?

MAA: After women or liquor.

doctors and nurses who wanted to have an airplane which would be to each member like his own plane, yet which would be maintained and paid for by a large enough group so the investment of time and money would not be excessive. The eleven members are acting and retired military personnel and some civilians. The range from student flyers to commercial pilots, but all the members enjoy going "up, up and away." Club members have flown to Baja California, Guaymas, Mexico, Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Shasta, Portland, and to Disneyland.

Availability of the airplane in the past has been virtually unlimited. At present the airplane is being used part time as an instrument training plane by California Airways at the Hayward Airport in return for which full maintenance, additional radio gear, payment of certain fixed expenses, and telephone scheduling service are provided.

Club membership requires a fully refundable initiation fee of \$250, monthly dues of \$10 and \$5.50 per flying hour plus gas. Oak Knoll personnel interested in flying or learning to fly, may contact HMC E. H. Collins, Ext. 269, for further information.



OLD FAITHFUL? No, just a high-rise fountain that shot skyward from a broken water main near the new hospital. Charlene Kennedy of Radiology, right there with her trusty Instamatic, took the picture.

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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Friday, 24 May 1968

New Hospital Dedication Day—29 June



Three men who keep an eagle eye on various phases of the new construction to make sure everything is shipshape recently received certificates of training on completion of special classes at the Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Bruno. The presentation was made by LCDR W. J. McCorkle, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, with LTJG M. B. Williams, Assistant ROICC, left, looking on. Receiving the certificates are Joseph E. Edwards, architectural inspector; Richard F. Whitmer, air conditioning and mechanical inspector; and James P. Butler, mechanical inspector.

CDR Bouterie Is 30 May Speaker

CDR Ronald L. Bouterie of the Surgical Service will be the speaker at Memorial Day services at Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, Thursday, 30 May. Ceremonies are scheduled for 1400 at the bandstand.

The 12ND Band will play, and a color guard and rifle squad from the Encinal High School ROTC will be on the program. The invocation and benediction will be given by LT D. B. Harris, CHC, USN.

The ceremony will be presented under the auspices of the General Memorial Day Committee and Oakland-San Leandro Branch 10, FRA.

Navy Relief Drive Nets Over \$2,000

The Navy Relief Fund Drive to date has raised more than \$2,000.

Departments with 100 per cent participation in this year's drive are Radiology, Dental, Office of the Commanding Officer, Disbursing, Medical Library, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Data Processing. There are still several departments which can reach 100 per cent. All envelopes and donations must be turned in to the Chaplain Office by 1200, 27 May. Remember the slogan—"The Navy takes care of its own"—so let's all give our fair share.

Honor For Dr. Middleton

CAPT Robert A. Middleton, Chief of the Dental Service, has been nominated to Fellowship in the American College of Dentistry.

EMs Cooking Up Batch of FUN

The Enlisted Recreation Committee is cooking up a batch of fun for all hands—officer and enlisted—and here's the sure-fire recipe they're using:

FUN

Start with 1 holiday, 30 May, Memorial Day, at 1100.

Add 1 Bonnie Parker and 1 Dave Rosenberg seasoned with Sam the Man and the United Crusade (all from the Condor Club in San Francisco)

Mix it up well.

Stir in 3 talented singers known as the Mike Winters Trio and a 4 piece band and singing group from the Oakland Boys Club.

For the kiddies add flavor like the Ellingwood Indian Dancers, games, and contests.

Combine with plenty of hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks and beer.

Finally add lots of happy people (staff, patients, and dependents) Now you have a large batch of FUN.

Chief Cook is HM1 F. E. Matthews, President of the Enlisted Recreation Committee.

Assistant Cook in Charge of Seasoning is HM2 Sidney Truelove, Entertainment Chairman.

"Mame" is Coming To the Ortho Wards

The 40-member cast of the musical "Mame," headed by Angela Lansbury will tour the Orthopedic Wards on 4 June from 1300 to 1630. "Mame" is currently at the Curran Theater in San Francisco.

Senator Thomas Kuchel to Speak At Colorful Saturday Ceremonies

Dedication ceremonies for the new hospital are scheduled for 1400 Saturday, 29 June, Admiral Irons announced early this week.

The dedicatory address will be delivered by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel.

VADM Robert B. Brown, Surgeon General of the Navy, will fly out from Washington for the ceremony. RADM Leo B. McCuddin, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, CAPT William E. Davidson, Commanding Officer, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and a representative of the contracting firm of Huber, Hunt, and Nichols, will occupy places of honor on the platform with RADM E. P. Irons, Commanding Officer, and CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer.

The Marine Corps Band will fly up from Twenty-Nine Palms to provide martial music for the event.

More than 400 guests, including many military and civilian dignitaries, are expected to attend, and all staff members who can be spared from their duties are invited.

A reception for guests and staff—officer, enlisted, and civilian—will be held in the new hospital dining room immediately following the ceremony.

RETAIL STORE TO OPEN SATURDAY MORNINGS

Beginning 8 June the Navy Exchange Retail Store will be open Saturdays from 0900 to 1300, Manager A. L. Smedberg announced this week. This will be on a trial basis, but if there is sufficient patronage, the new hours will remain in effect.

CDR Mentzer Is Selected for CAPT

CDR Romaine Mentzer received the happy news of her selection for captain's rank on the very day of the Nurse Corps Anniversary and has since been receiving the congratulations of all her associates.

At the same time LCDR Helen Furmanchik and LCDR Harriett Simmons received word that they've made CDR.

LCDR Jay Cox Receives Vietnam Cross of Gallantry at Inspection

LCDR Jay S. Cox, who reported aboard 8 April, was presented the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm at a recent personnel inspection.

The orthopedist had already earned the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Commendation, and Purple Heart Medals for duty with the Third Medical Battalion, Third Marine Division, of which he served both as XO and CO.

The citation accompanying the Cross of Gallantry described Doctor Cox as "outstanding officer of military health, courageous, and always putting in high spirit and eager working. In the Operation Hickory at the demilitarized zone while the unit was fighting violently with the communists, he was courageous to go into the rain of fire in order to take the wounded to the peace place, helping the troops believe in him, causing the enemy to suffer heavy casualties in weapons as well as lives."

Lieutenant Commander Cox,



"Outstanding officer of military health."

whose home is in Pottsville, Pa., earned his MD at Jefferson Medical College in 1958. He interned at UC Medical Center and had resi-

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WORDS, WORDS, WORDS!

"Virtue," "Charity," and "Love" are three words which have taken a lot of abuse in the development of our American form of English. Maybe that is one reason why some traditional Latin expressions are less impressive in the English translation.

"Virtue" in modern English has a rather weak sound. Yet, in its Latin roots it rings of strength. The Latin word *vir* means man and *virtus* had the connotation of manly strength. A virtuous person is a strong person. "Charity" in English is almost always associated with a handout. But the word really means "love." Here we run into another language problem. The word "love" has also suffered much. It can be used for anything from a teenage crush to the affection of a father for his children.

For Our Lord, love and charity were strong words. There was nothing of the soft sentimentality in them. He put all of the moral law into the words, "Love God and love neighbor." When asked just who this neighbor was, He told the story of the Good Samaritan. There was nothing of sentimentality in it, but a tale of a hard, risky job by the Samaritan to relieve the sufferings of a total stranger. How often does this law of love require us to forgive those who have offended us? How far does one carry this love? "Greater love than this no man has, than that he give his life for his friend."

In strong manly terms Our Lord talked about the virtue of charity. He had concern for the unfortunates who lined the streets of Palestine's villages. Frequently He gave them what they requested—health of body and soul. But nowhere will be found the doctrine that the law of charity is fulfilled by an occasional coin flipped to a beggar. Charity is Love of God, expressed through love of neighbor.

PAUL J. DURKIN, Catholic Chaplain

Mmes. Vosseler and Shaeffer Pinned For 1000 Hours' Navy Relief Work

Two 1000-hour Navy Relief pins and fifteen 100-hour pins were presented to Navy Relief volunteers at the 8 May meeting of the Officers' Wives Club.

Mrs. E. P. Irons, chairman of Navy Relief volunteers, presented 1000-hour pins to Mrs. L. C. M. Vosseler, who served both as interviewer in the Navy Relief office and as layette-maker; and to Mrs. C. W. Shaeffer, who has given 1000 hours to Navy Relief sewing and served as sewing chairman.

Interviewers qualifying for 100-

hour pins were Mmes. P. R. Burkett, W. A. Elliott, Richard Flagg, W. R. Kammerer, D. J. Kelly, R. A. Middleton, D. G. Scheetz, Henry A. Sparks, and Mrs. B. E. Taylor.

Completing 100 hours of sewing were Mmes. Brian G. Allen and Roy Breitenbach, who came in from civilian life to help the Navy take care of its own, and Mrs. J. M. McClurkan. Mmes. C. W. Mathews and B. G. McAlary divided their hours between interviewing and sewing.

A 100-hour pin was presented in

New Civilian Overseas Referral Program Announced By DOD

The Department of Defense has announced a new placement program, the Overseas Referral Program.

DOD Personnel Offices will register applicants for overseas employment if they are at least 21 and are currently serving in career or career-conditional appointments, or are eligible for reinstatement. This command will register otherwise qualified personnel only after one year of current continuous service at this hospital.

Registration will be accepted only for specific titles and grade levels designated by overseas employment offices and shown on the current "Acceptance List." This list also shows the countries in which the positions will be found. Some of the titles for which applicants are sought are Position Classification Specialist, GS7 to 14, Radio Mechanic, Electrician, and Welder. The complete list is available for review in the Civilian Personnel Office. The fact that a position is on the list does not necessarily mean that there are current openings and does not assure selection of all applicants who register. The list does show occupations most frequently recruited for from the continental United States, and normal selection procedures apply.

In addition to the established "Acceptance List," there will be "Positive Recruiting Lists" published as needed. They will indicate the current vacancies and will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Civilian Personnel Office, Bldg. 101. Here again, normal selection procedures pertain and applying does not assure selection.

Anyone interested in this program should contact Mrs. Maloney, Ext. 223 or 224. Registration will start immediately, and the program will be fully operational on 3 June 1968.

absentia to Mrs. Ethel M. Thompson, mother of Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, chairman of Navy Relief office workers. Mrs. Thompson merits an extra vote of thanks since she mails layettes here from her home in Tacoma, Wash.

★ Reenlistments ★

X-Ray Tech HM3 Arthur Madrid Gallegos with 9½ years in the Navy, reenlisted 7 May for a period of 6 years. A native of Arizona, Gallegos and his wife, Ila, and their two children now make their home in Oakland.



HMC Arthur L. Conger reenlisted 10 May for a period of six years. HMC Conger joined the Navy in September 1952 and came to Oak Knoll in October 1967; he has worked as Instructor in the Inservice Training Program and on the Staff Personnel Review Project. A native of Grants Pass Oregon, he and his wife, Carol and their daughter make their home in Milpitas.



New Programs Start At Day Nursery

Navy Exchange has assumed responsibility for management of the Day Nursery. With the change in management various changes have been made at the Nursery itself. No longer will it provide mere custodial care. A professional preschool program has been started which includes directed developmental activities supervised by trained personnel. An effort is being made to make the Day Nursery a "Children's World" according to Lois Wilson, Director.

When NPRL moves into the new hospital, the Day Nursery will move into Bldg. 102. Approximately \$18,000 will be spent to renovate the 3,000 sq. ft. which will be occupied by the Day Nursery in early fall. Nearly \$6,000 worth of new equipment will be purchased. Creative play furniture and supplies for creative art projects will be purchased. The new building will provide separate play areas for different age groups, a sleep area, a kitchen, and a dining room. The Nursery will be air-conditioned and will be capable of caring for 75-80 children, whereas the present facilities are stretched with 35-40 children.

The Day Nursery is open Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 and for Friday night events until 0100 Saturday morning. Hourly rates for officers' children are 40 cents for one, 55 cents for two, 65 cents for three, 75 cents for four or more. Hourly rates for EM children are 30 cents for one, 45 cents for two, 55 cents for three, and 65 cents for four or more.

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Have you heard of the bird they call Willie?
He flies down the road willy-nilly.
He dives and he swerves . . .
Over hills, around curves . . .
We'll keep driving, but Willie won't, will'e?



PINNED: Mrs. H. W. S. Huseby, chairman of volunteer Navy Relief office workers, left, front, accepted a 100-hour pin for her mother; Mrs. C. W. Shaeffer, sewing chairman, second from left, received her 1000-hour pin, as did Mrs. L. C. M. Vosseler, second row, third from left. Others pictured were among those receiving 100-hour pins at the 8 May O' Wives' meeting. They are, front row, usual order, Mmes. Richard Flagg, W. R. Kammerer, D. G. Scheetz, and Roy Breitenbach; second row: Mmes B. G. McAlary, Henry Sparks, J. M. McClurkan, C. W. Mathews, and D. J. Kelly.

Scuttlebutt

OF PEOPLE, PLACES, & THINGS: AN Robert S. Antosik, USN, of 62A created the handsome relief map over there in Column 3—especially for the NC party. . . . One lone but not lonely woman works in the new building so far—she is Gloria Sandwell, Secretary to the ROICC, who was formerly in the Steno Pool. . . . CAPT and Mrs. Rulon are back from a hiking trip in the mountains of Mexico. . . . Chief Ray is an avid stamp collector. . . . Mrs. Breitenbach (See Navy Relief pin pic over there on Page 2) is the wife of a former editor of THE OAK LEAF. . . . Edna Bourdase, who retired not long ago, is touring the USA ("I who had never been out of California except to Reno and Las Vegas!") with her daughter-in-law and two granddaughters. Postcards have come from Cheyenne, Wyo.; Washington, D.C., Hyanisport, Mass.; and New York City—so far. . . . CDR Anne Chelf and Thelma McNeil are hunting their favorite prey—antiques—while motor-ing east, CDR Chelf to report to her new duty as Chief of the Nursing Service at Patuxent River, Md., Thelma to return to her job as NP Service secretary. . . . Pictures of the new hospital were used as part of the decor at the recent state convention of LYNs at the Claremont.

TWO OF THE PRETTIEST girls at the USO Ball Saturday night were DN Jeannette Herring and HN Claudia Ellquist, but a Coast Guard Spar edged them out of the queen competition. Also attending were HM3 Rose Morganti and HN Ernabeth Theodores. . . .

"Mr. OAK KNOLL" That's LCDR Morris. Anyway he received a piece of mail addressed that way the other day, c/o U.S. Navel (sic) Hospital.

DID YOU KNOW that in addition to an exhibit of prosthetic limbs the Oak Knoll Medical Explorers' booth at the recent Scout-orama featured a "man" with a head of cigarettes, and an X-ray film chest containing a genuine lung cancer?

LIFE BEGAN on 8 May for Jean Fay Stills, 9 lbs. 3 oz. daughter of HM1 Melvin Stills of NPRL and wife Ethel. . . 14 May for Kimberly Anne Gibbons, 6 lbs. 14 oz. daughter of HM1 Michael Gibbons of PMT and wife Shirley.

1868 — MEMORIAL DAY — 1968

Memorial Day, 30 May, is the day we set aside to honor American men who have given their lives for their country. It is a patriotic day; it is a day of reverence, and it was just 100 years ago (1868) Memorial Day became a special day in our history. Memorial Day was first observed during the Civil War when Southern ladies scattered Spring flowers on the graves of Confederate soldiers who had died in action. They also decorated the graves of Union soldiers. In 1868 Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named 30 May as a special day for honoring the graves of Union soldiers. On 30 May when President Lyndon B. Johnson, or his representative, places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery he will—by this simple eloquent gesture—be honoring our American dead of all wars in the past 100 years. It is a day of tribute to the men who gave their lives not only at Gettysburg or Manassas, but on San Juan Hill, at Chateau Thierry, on Omaha Beach, Korea and Vietnam. (AFPS)



The 60th Birthday of the Nurse Corps was celebrated in grand manner 11 May when local nurses turned the hands of time both forward and backward. (1) The nurses' uniform has changed through 60 years from the original "Sacred Twenty" uniform, modeled by LTJG Carol Quast, right; to today's uniform worn by LTJG Sharon Kosch, left. Wearing uniforms of intervening years are LTJG Karen Munson, ENS Mary Lacko, and ENS Sheila Krauser. (2) LT Sharolyn Walcutt, with RADM and Mrs. E. P. Irons, inspects the contour map showing the various areas in the world where Navy Nurses are serving. (3) ENS Elaine Mysliwicz, LTJG Carolyn Krauch, and LTJG Diana Williams view the "Complete Navy Nurse" originated by CAPT Burdette Blaska, Chief of Nursing Service at Naval Hospital, San Diego. She carries such essential items as a tool kit for when the plumber doesn't show, an 8-ball for getting behind, rose-colored glasses for bad days, and a spare leg for when you don't have one to stand on. (4) LCDR Delma Linville, OR Supervisor, and LCDR Inabelle Doolan from the Naval Dispensary Mare Island admire the uniform of the future—a pant dress worn with biege stockings, no cap, and a white tunic apron which may be removed when soiled. The only indication of rank is on the mandarin collar. (5) CDR Lorraine Schuh was chairman of the birthday celebration.

Congratulations go to JoAnn Lambert, NC, USN, and Mary E. Pallanck, NC, USN, who were recently promoted to the rank of LTJG. HMCS William D. Carlin of Staff Personnel moved up another notch on the ladder of success last week with his promotion to E-8. Congratulations!



CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, and ENS Elaine Mysliwicz, newest Navy nurse aboard, share cake-cutting honors as RADM E. P. Irons watches.

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Veterans can complete high school on the G.I. Bill and get G.I. college help. Then there was the sweet young thing who wanted to marry a sailor and rear admirals.

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

PT/Dental Cops Basketball Crown In 52-45 Win Over ENT/PHCY



HN Robert Edmonds of Urology was high scorer of the league with 106 pts in 7 games.

Physical Fitness Contest Set For June 17

The annual Twelfth Naval District Physical Fitness Contest will be held at Naval Air Station Moffett Field 17 June 1968 at 1900. The order of events is as follows: (1) Pull-ups (2) Hop-step-jump (3) Dips (4) Hurdle run (5) Two Minute sit-ups (6) Jump and reach (7) 300 yard shuttle run. For further information contact the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264.

AO Addresses NSHA Seminar

CDR Albert J. Schwab, Administrative Officer, was a principal speaker at the annual Naval Hospital Administration Seminar held this week at the Naval School of Hospital Administration, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda. This is the second consecutive year Commander Schwab has been invited to speak at the seminar.

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Though your eye-distracting beauty
Can stop traffic, it is true—
Cross at corners only, Cutie,
Or the traffic may stop you!



By Ron Brown

The 1968 Intramural Basketball Season ended Wednesday, 8 May at King Junior High School with PT/Dental the new crowned kings of the basketball court. They defeated ENT/PHCY by a score of 52-45.

On hand to witness the final game and to present individual awards was RADM E. P. Irons.

Sherrill of PT/Dental, besides leading all scorers with 19 pts., made several key blocks on shots attempted by ENT/PHCY shooters. Aiding Sherrill for PT/Dental and contributing immensely to the success of his team was Doctor Jack Bagshaw who scored with 11 points. Hess of PT/Dental hit for 5 of 6 free throw attempts to go with his 2 field goals for a total of 9 pts. Doctors Graves and Candy followed with 6 and 4 pts. respectively.

Caskelli led ENT/PHCY scorers with 15 points followed by Valdez who had 13. Mr. Kneebone added 9 pts. in a losing cause for ENT/PHCY.

PT/DENTAL				ENT/PHCY			
Name	FG	FT	TP	Name	FG	FT	TP
Bagshaw	4	3	11	Valdez	4	5	13
Niec	1	0	2	Trevino	0	0	0
Sherrill	7	5	19	Nicholson	0	0	0
Hess	2	5	9	Kneebone	3	3	9
Smith	0	1	1	Keadle	0	0	0
Gaier	0	0	0	Middlekauff	2	2	6
Graves	2	2	6	Moffitt	0	2	2
Walsh	0	0	0	Caskelli	5	5	15
Candy	2	0	4	Howery	0	0	0
Totals	18	16	52	Totals	14	17	45
Fouled out: Niec				Fouled Out: Caskelli			
				Officials: Brite, Manahan			

Softball Team Opens Season With 12-5 Win

The Oak Knoll Varsity Softball Team opened its 1968 season last Tuesday with an impressive 12-5 whitewash of Hunters Point.

The team will have a 10-game schedule in the 12ND league against such opponents as Mare Island, Moffett Field, Skaggs Island, Coast Guard, and Hunters Point. They will play each team twice, prior to entering the 12ND Tournament at NAS Alameda 5-9 August.

John Hough hit the second pitch he saw for a first inning home-run which put Oak Knoll ahead 1-0. The team then exploded for 6 big runs in the second inning, followed by a tremendous homerun by Jim Scarlata in the 4th. This gave Oak Knoll a 9-5 lead at this stage of the game. Oak Knoll scored a run in the 5, 6, and 7th inning to give them the final score of 12-5.

Catcher Rick Fuller led his Oak Knoll team percentage wise at the plate with 2 doubles and 2 singles out of 5 trips up.

Oak Knoll pitcher Adam Demello of Disbursing chalked up his first win of the season, striking out 8 and walking three.

Next week's game finds the team traveling to Moffett Field on Tuesday, 28 May at 1700.



Showing off their championship trophies are the PT/Dental Team. Kneeling are HM2 Jere Hess, LT Thomas Graves, LTJG Thomas Harmer, HN Robert Gaier, and HM2 Edmond Niec. In the back row are Admiral Irons, who presented the trophies, LT John Bagshaw, HN David Sherrill, LT David Walsh, HM1 John Smith, and LT Jon Candy.



HN U. M. Mitchell, Jr., HN Lyle Banks, and HM2 Thomas R. Pozun were graduated 3 May from the 26-week ENT Technician course.



CDR Victor M. Holm, Chief of Neuropsychiatry, congratulates H. Ronald Strickling who completed EEG Technician school. LT M. I. Lorber and LCDR M. J. Haugh stand ready to offer their congratulations. Strickling will report to Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas.

NAS Alameda to Host 12ND Tennis Tourney

The 12ND Men's Open Tennis Championships will be held 8-12 July at NAS, Alameda. The tournament will be a single elimination type in singles and doubles competition with the best two out of three matches in effect.

Seniors may participate in this tournament for points and awards. However, qualification for seniors to the West Coast Tournament must be attained in the Senior Tournament only.

West Coast All-Navy Championships will be held at NTC, San Diego, on 22-26 July 1968. Contact the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264 for further information.

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Another reason that man's best friend is a dog is that we know he isn't after our job.

Dr. Cox Receives Viet Gallantry Cross

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dency training at Naval Hospital Bethesda, and James Lawrence Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children, Baltimore, Md. He is married and the father of two children.

A qualified veteran who has not completed high school can receive \$130 per month while earning his high school diploma and still be eligible for one month of educational assistance for each month of military service up to a maximum of 36 months.

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Semi-annual interest checks, guaranteed amounts, are the good returns you get if you invest in Series H—current income—Savings Bonds.

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Memorial Services for Senator Robert F. Kennedy will be held in the chapel Sunday. Protestant Services with color guard will be held at 1030 and Catholic Mass with color guard at 1215.

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A man deprives himself of the best there is in the world if he deprives himself of a knowledge of the Bible. The Bible is one book that stands alone, for which there is no substitute. It is the one book that cannot be replaced by any other. Throughout the centuries, men of the Christian Faith have found the Bible a neverfailing source of wisdom, counsel and inspiration, and many others have been led into the Christian Church by its reading. Those who are familiar with the Bible know that it has a message for every day and a word of truth for every life situation. It is the best book we have, for it is the one that contains, above all others, the word of God. Happy is the man who has learned its great truths, for in the hour of need it will be a source of light and strength.

*The Bible is always, and above all, the truth.

*To those who sit in darkness, it is a glorious light.

*To those who carry heavy burdens, it is a source of strength.

*To those who have lost their way, it is a safe guide.

*To those who have been hurt by sin, it is the way to forgiveness.

*To the discouraged, it speaks a glad message of hope.

*To those tossed about by the storms of life, it is an anchor sure and steadfast.

And to all in times of trouble and tragedy, it is the one book that meets their needs.

This being true, it should not be hidden away on a bookshelf or in a locker gathering dust but should be used daily for devotional reading and as a guide for living.

—CAPT H. E. AUSTIN, CHC, USN

Diaper Derby

LIFE BEGAN 28 May for Clifton Ward Diamond, 8 lb. 4½ oz. son of HM1 David Diamond of PMT and wife Maria . . . On 29 May for David Michael Cavanagh, 7 lb. 9 oz. son of HM2 Michael Cavanagh of Staff Personnel and wife Carolyn . . . On 30 May for John Thomas Atwood, 7 lb. son of HMC Ronald Atwood of Blood Bank and wife Myrna . . . On 3 June for Joseph Allen Riley, 8 lb. son of PO2 James Riley of the Heart Station and wife Joselle.

LT May Certified

LT J. E. May has been notified of his certification by the American Board of Pathology.

O' Wives to Install New Officers 12 June

The Officers' Wives Club will install new officers at the 12 June luncheon, which will be hosted by wives representing Dental and Medical Service Corps. Also on the agenda is Mary E. Emrick of the Standard Oil Company who will speak on Map Reading. Co-chairmen are Mrs. R. A. Middleton and Mrs. A. J. Schwab.

Knollites Give \$2,852 In Navy Relief Drive

The 1968 Navy Relief Fund Drive collected \$2,852.52 from the various services and divisions. This is \$479.19 over the amount collected in last year's drive.

DADDY!

To Baby, Daddy is the guy who sometimes changes a diaper, serves chow out of a bottle, or makes funny faces to stop you from crying.

To the Tot, Daddy is the man who can wrestle, play horsey, fix a broken doll, or make a great kite.

To the Nine-year-old, Dad is Willie Mays with a baseball, Einstein with the homework, Henry Ford under the hood of the car.

To the Teen-ager, Pop's the man with money and a car. He's old-fashioned and over-protective when daughter goes on her first date, the one who gives a lecture when his son brings home a bum report card. He's the proud-looking man in the audience at commencement.

To the Young Adult, Father's the man to ask permission to marry his daughter, the person who marches down the aisle with a tear in his eye as he gives her away. Finally, he's the parent who is such a proud grandpa!

Sunday, 16 June, being Father's Day, the OAK LEAF wanted to honor all Navy Dads, but time and space limited the number of pictures. On the front page are a few of the proudest: (1) CDR James Young, Medicine, holding Judith 2½ and Claudia 1½, with Patricia 10, Mark 11, Anne 12, and Elizabeth 7. (2) HMC Colonel Surratt, of Pharmacy, with Forrest 8, Brian 5, Troy 5 weeks, Brendon 1½, and Kenny 7. (3) HM2 Sidney Truelove of X-Ray, with Lou Ellen 7, Julie Lee 4, Lisa 10 months, and Marilynn 6. (4) LCDR Joseph Matan of Orthopedics with Tony 5, Meg 6, Joan 1, Elizabeth 3, and Maria 7. (5) CDR Ronald Bouterie, Surgery, with David 13, Rhonda 9, Brenda 8, Ken 11, Mark 5, Ronny 4, and Brian 6. (6) HMC F. L. Golden, Education and Training, with Mary-Ann 9, Misty-Ann 3, Patrick 6, Sally-Ann 11, Michael 13, Nancy 21, and Michele 16.



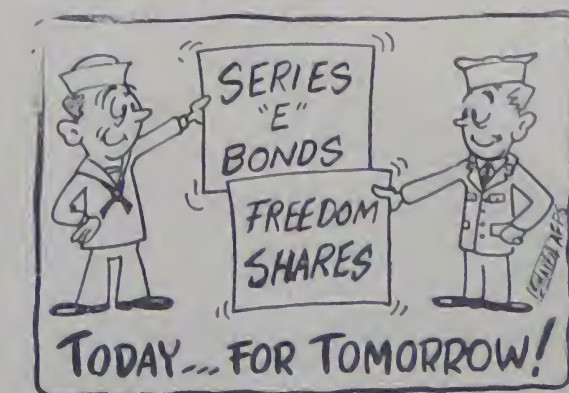
LTGEN Herman Nickerson, Jr. visited the Orthopedic Wards 13 May to talk with patients and present Bronze Star Medals to SGT Steve Siemonsma, upper left, and SGT Manuel Vargas, upper right. CPL Roy Brand, below, was one of the many patients who spoke with the General. General Nickerson was in the Bay Area to announce a Marine Corps-sponsored drive to raise funds and materials to aid the South Vietnamese civilians.

LTGEN Nickerson Presents Medals

LTGEN Herman Nickerson Jr., USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Director of Personnel, visited the Orthopedic Wards on 13 May to talk with patients and present two Bronze Star Medals.

Receiving a Bronze Star for heroic achievement was SGT Steve Siemonsma. While serving as an Artillery Section Chief on Hill 10, 6 February, the battery came under attack and an enemy rocket exploded on the parapet of his gun, rendering the weapon inoperable and seriously wounding him and several of his men. Ignoring his pain he rallied his men and reorganized his section. He aided and comforted his wounded men and directed their evacuation. He repeatedly refused medical assistance until all of his men were treated.

CPL Manuel L. Vargas received the Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving with Company C, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, from 9 December 1966 to 6 February 1968. Throughout this period, CPL Vargas performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. On 6 February CPL Vargas volunteered to replace a wounded tank commander and during intense fighting an enemy rocket struck his tank, seriously wounding him and resulting in the loss of his right leg.



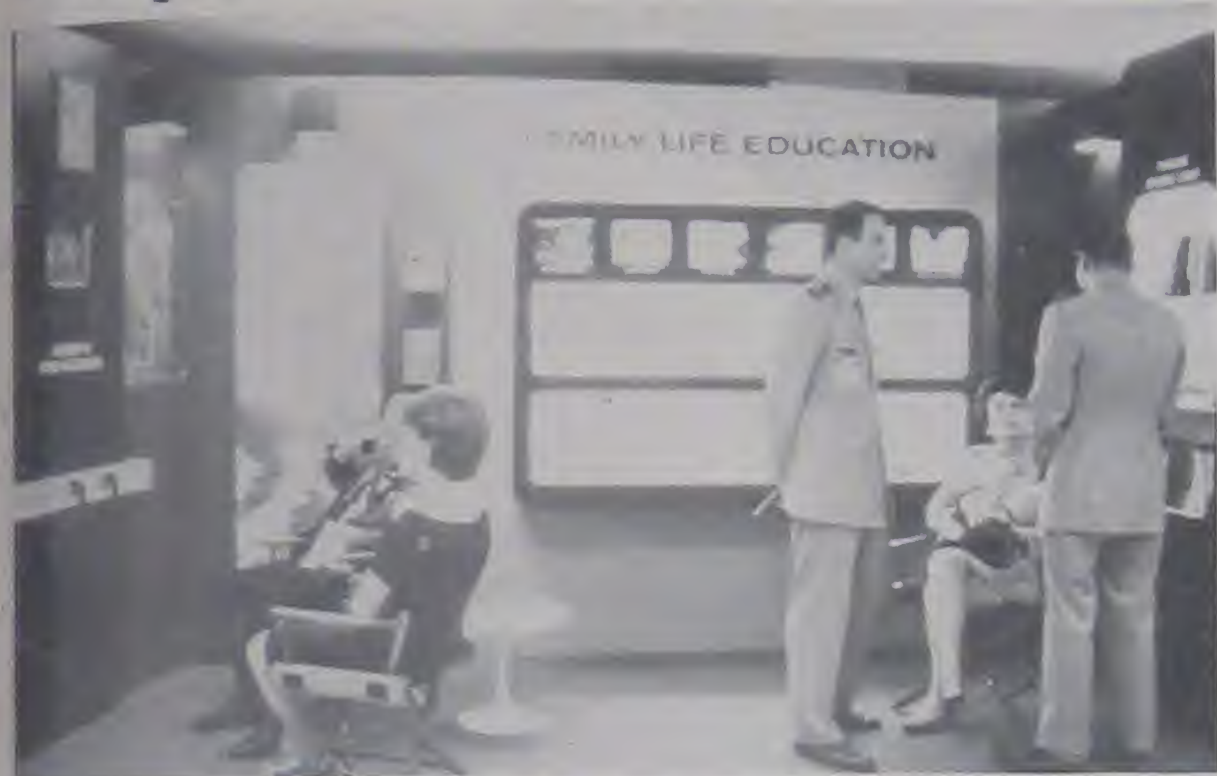
Reduced Air Fares To Hawaii for NOK Of Tripler Patients

Reduced fares from West Coast Points to Honolulu for spouses and/or parents to visit non-seriously ill or injured members of the Armed Forces convalescing at Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii are now available according to a Com12 message received this week.

United, Pan American, and Northwest Airlines are filing revisions to their tariffs to provide reduced air travel at approximately a 25 percent discount for spouses and/or parents of military members who are hospitalized in Tripler as a result of illness or injury while the member was eligible for hostile fire pay under Title 37, U. S. C. 310. Tickets at the reduced fare are on a round trip basis. Effective date of the tariff will be announced.

The passenger must surrender to the carrier a properly executed DD Form 1580 specifying that his/her spouse, son, or daughter is hospitalized in Tripler and must also present the uniformed service identification and privilege card. He must present for identification any one of the following: passport, driver's license, birth certificate, or voter registration card.

Preparations in Full Swing for Dedication on 29 June



Monitors and viewers at one of Oak Knoll's prize-winning educational exhibits at the recent meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Chicago.

OB-GYN Staff Wins Three Awards For Displays at ACOG Meeting

During the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists held at The Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, 4-9 May, Oak Knoll's OB-GYN Service was singled out for three separate special awards for educational exhibits.

The three teaching exhibits were (1) "Family Life Education — A Professional Responsibility"; (2) "Medical Science Teaching Series — Obstetrics and Gynecology"; and (3) "Biomedical Communications."

Those responsible for monitoring the exhibits during the meeting and who will receive special award certificates are CAPT James P. Semmens, Chief of OB-GYN; CDR John F. Wurzel, LCDRs George C. Bonertz and Carter W. Mathews, LTs James B. Edwards and William D. Roche, III.

Joseph Funnell of Eaton Laboratories, Norwich, N. Y., assisted in the Medical Science Teaching Series exhibit. In the Biomedical Communications display Captain Semmens was a co-exhibitor with Norman L. Cole, Ed.D., Chief of Educational Studies Audiovisual Center, Atlanta, Ga.; and Robert Turnbull, also of the center.

"Expectant Management of Placenta Previa," prepared for Captain Semmens and Commander Wurzel by the BuMed Audio Visual Service, Bethesda, was also shown.

The Family Life (Sex) Education exhibit has been shipped to the hospital and will be shown at the AMA meeting in San Francisco 16-20 June. Included in the exhibit is a 17-minute movie produced by Captain Semmens titled "A Concept of Family Life Education." The film is now being distributed nationally, with a brochure listing the educational materials available for schools and physician education.

Car Pools, Use of Public Transportation Urged to Ease Parking

Parking for outpatients and staff members, already a problem, will become even more difficult during the transition from the old to the new hospital, but the command is taking steps to alleviate the problem to the greatest extent possible.

Beginning in July, approximately 75 percent of the staff will be moving into the new building. By 17 August Crowley Lot, between Pharmacy and the Administration Building, will be reduced from 175

to 80 spaces. Parking will be restricted in other locations during demolition and landscaping.

Additional spaces will be provided at various locations, but most of them are considerable distances from the new building.

Immediate access to the Emergency Room will be maintained at all times, and special parking arrangements will be provided for aged and handicapped patients.

A hospital notice reflecting the

Contractors Putting Finishing Touches on \$14,500,000 Building

Huber, Hunt, and Nichols are putting the finishing touches on the new building and leveling the site where visitors and staff will meet Saturday, 29 June, at 1400 for the dedication of the new, permanent Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Meanwhile, staff members are working around the clock to have everything in readiness for the ceremonies and the transfer into the nine-story edifice.

LTJG Ronald R. Aldrich, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, and Dorothy Thompson, Public Affairs Officer, are coordinating plans for dedication program, at which Senator Thomas H. Kuchel is to deliver the principal address.

VADM Robert B. Brown, Surgeon General of the Navy, and CAPT William E. Davidson, Commanding Officer, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, will be among those participating in the program. More than 700 persons, including many civic and military dignitaries, will attend.

CDR Gale R. Green, Chief, Food Service Division, is in charge of the reception, which will be held in the new hospital dining room immediately following the program for guests and staff—officer, enlisted and civilian.

LCDR W. J. McCorkle, Public Works Officer and Resident Officer in Charge of Construction has the important responsibility for site preparation, seating, and electronic equipment.

CDR C. R. Morris, Chief, Personnel Division, will select and train the ushers. LTJGs R. H. Robertson and C. M. Warner, assistants to LCDR Joseph M. Mulvey, the Hospital Liaison Officer, will organize tours to be conducted for small groups while the reception is in progress. LT O. C. Langston, Chief, Security Division, is in charge of traffic and guest parking, and LT Donald Bain and his Operating Services Crew will have the new building ready for public inspection on D-Day.

King-Size Task of Moving Takes Men and Muscles

Navy families know well the problems involved in household moves, but how would you like to assemble and move 580 beds, mattresses, and overbed trays, furniture for 24 waiting rooms, equipment for clinics (such as 13 exam tables for OB-GYN which weigh 30 lbs. each), equipment for speech therapy, and a total of 176,000 lbs. of shelving for areas throughout the hospital. These are just some of the king-size problems involved when a hospital moves.

In charge of the moving are LCDR W. A. Andersen, MSC, USN; LCDR G. E. Pritchard MSC, USN, and LTJG R. H. Robertson, MSC, USN. Key civilian in the move is Mr. Albert B. Brownlow, who keeps essential records on new items, assists in arranging daily work schedules and arranges for storage of new items and repair of damaged equipment.

A crew of nine men has worked nightly since 20 May unpacking and assembling furniture and equipment. During the day at least five men work at moving the furniture to the hospital while another crew of four work within the hospital pre-positioning the furniture and equipment. Ten men from Project 49 have assisted the day crews in their work.

Some additional problems which make the move a real challenge include the limited storage which necessitates additional shifting of materials, moving schedules which must coincide with availability of space, and the special handling required by some exceptionally

weighty items. In addition, the current hospital must be maintained with its increased patient load.

"The moving crews have done a remarkable job. They have approached every obstacle as a challenge," said LCDR Pritchard.



HM3 P. T. Harris, HN J. E. Lindsey, HN R. B. Best, HN A. A. Fouchey and HN D. R. Davidson uncrate some of the 580 beds to be moved into the new hospital.

results of a recent parking survey will be issued in the very near future for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Under consideration are special shuttle buses to transport staff and patients to and from distant parking areas to the hospital. Staff members are urged to form car pools and use public transportation wherever possible.

Liaison has been established with AC Transit, and the possibil-

ity of obtaining public bus service to a point near the new building is being investigated.

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Marriage: the first union to defy management.

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Veterans and their survivors received a total of \$4.4 billion in compensation and pension checks during 1967, the Veterans Administration estimates.



Making plans for the Hospital Corps Ball to be held 15 June at the Holiday House in Hayward are the members of the Enlisted Recreation Committee. From left to right they are HM2 Michael Cavanagh, HM1 Richard Almos, HM2 Sidney Truelove, HMC James Bull, advisor, HM1 Fred Matthews, Chairman, DN Orla Engelkes, HM2 Alfreda Jennings, and HM2 Wallace Stenblom. The committee also planned the Memorial Day Picnic.

Corpsmen to Have a Ball To Celebrate 70th B-Day

The Hospital Corps will celebrate its 70th anniversary at a Ball to be held 15 June at the Holiday House Restaurant in Hayward.

The Ball—major social event of the year for enlisted personnel—will include a steak dinner, and an evening of fine entertainment and dancing. Joe E. Ross, of "Car 54" fame, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

A limited number of tickets, at \$1.00 per person will be on sale during this coming week. Sale is limited to enlisted staff members of the Hospital Corps and former members of the Hospital Corps who are now members of the Medical Service Corps.

Attire is semi-formal, meaning dark suits and ties for the men and cocktail dresses for the women.

Coming to the Auditorium Tuesday—The Debutones & Astronotes

Direct from their appearance at the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Texas, the **Debutones** and **Astronotes**, two talented high school choral groups, will perform in the auditorium Tuesday at 1400 and later sing on the wards.

The groups have toured through four European countries and have

performed in many of the States.

Some of the songs included in their repertoire are "Strangers in the Night," "Blowing in the Wind," "Al-De-La," and "I Enjoy Being a Girl."

All staff, military and civilian, who can be spared from their duties are urged to attend.

Early Fitting Concept Report In CLINICAL ORTHOPAEDICS

"Immediate Postsurgical Fitting and Early Ambulation — A New Concept in Amputee Rehabilitation" is the title of a report from NPRL that appeared in the January-February issue of CLINICAL ORTHOPAEDICS and RELATED RESEARCH.

Co-authors are CAPT F. L. Golbranson, MC, USN, former Medical Officer in Charge of NPRL; Charles Asbelle, BS, and Donald Strand. Mr. Asbelle is Research Director at NPRL, and Mr. Strand is Training Supervisor. Both are

certified prosthetists and orthotists.

The article reports the results of immediate postsurgical fitting of more than 100 leg amputees rehabilitated at Oak Knoll.

Also of interest from that department is a publication prepared by Mr. Asbelle, with the approval of LCDR D. W. Rohren, the present Medical Officer in Charge.

This brochure describes the "Development of an Epoxy Foot Mold and A Lightweight Foam Artificial Foot."

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

Hilltoppers Lose 7-4 to Moffett

By Ron Brown

Oak Knoll's softball team came out on the short end of the score although they out-hit Moffett Field 7 to 4.

Oak Knoll's big inning was the 5th, as Bob Edmonds hit a single and Jim Scarlata followed with a towering homerun over the center-fielder's head to account for two of the three runs scored.

In the 4th, Rick Fuller singled, went to 3rd on a single by Adam DeMello and scored on Larry Webb's single. This accounted for all of Oak Knolls scoring. They had several other scoring chances but failed to get the all-important key hit with base runners aboard.

The next game for Oak Knoll will be 18 June against Hunters Point, early season victims of Oak Knoll. Game time is 1700 at the hospital softball field.

LAB/CSR Tops Medicine In League Opener

Behind the sharpshooting slants of HMC Sallee, LAB/CSR defeated a less experienced ball team from Medicine. The final score was 19-5.

Sallee himself opened the season with a homerun to get his club off to a flying start for 68. In all, LAB/CSR collected 15 hits, with Larry Baggett and Dr. Phil Vogt each getting three hits. Dr. Larry Nelson banged out 2 homeruns back to back in the 2nd and 3rd innings. Medicine collected only 3 hits, 2 of them triples by Scheffer. The other hit was a single by Sandri.

HMC Sallee went the distance for LAB/CSR to chalk up his first win, with Scheffer absorbing the loss for Medicine.

Physical Medicine Shocks ENT/PHCY/DISB

First inning wildness by Adam DeMello started the downfall of ENT/PHCY/DISB as they went down to defeat at the hands of Physical Medicine, 8 to 3.

Seven big runs crossed the plate for Physical Medicine on a combination of 7 walks and a double by centerfielder Jerry Hess and one error.

In all, Physical Medicine collected only 2 hits off DeMello but still managed to win on the support of the first inning spree.

Winning pitcher was Mr. Palmer who went the distance to pick up

his first win of the season.

Losing pitcher was DeMello of ENT/PHCY/DISB.

Palmer Holds Surgery To One Hit

In other games last week, Surgery bested Project 49 by a score of 9-4. Physical Medicine made it 2 in a row by defeating Surgery 14-6 with Mr. Palmer picking up his 2nd win of the season. He allowed only one hit—a homerun by Mayo of Surgery. This win placed Physical Medicine at the top of the league with 2 wins and no losses.

ENT/PHCY/DISB evened their season's record at 1 win and 1 loss by dumping Medicine 9 to 4. HMC DeMello picked up the win as he easily handcuffed many of Medicine's batters.

Next Week's Schedule

Monday, 10, June, LAB/CSR vs Dental

Tuesday, 11 June, Physical Med. vs Medicine

Wednesday, 12 June, LAB/CSR vs Surgery

Thursday, 13 June, Physical Med. vs Project 49

All games are played at 1645 at the station softball field.

HM2 Groat Vaults To Victory in 12ND Track & Field Meet

HM2 Carl Groat of Surgery vaulted his way to top honors in the finals of the 12ND Track and Field Championships held at El Cerrito High 23 May.

Carl faced 7 other jumpers from 12ND commands.

He cleared the bar at 12'6". In practice after competition he cleared 13'4" for a new high in his career.

Carl, only entry from Oak Knoll, earned 8 points for his first-place in the pole vault. Efforts are being made to enter Carl in the upcoming inter-service track and field meet to be held at NAS Moffett Field 13-15 June.

Promotions

Promotions came through this week for six Nurse Corps Officers who are now proud LTJGs. They are Stephanie A. Caruso, Patricia Lawler, Noreen Emerson, Mary Matthews, Shirley McIntyre, and Linda Robson.



Neuropsychiatric Technician Class 52 graduated 24 May. Congratulating the new techs are, in the front row from left to right, LT C. E. Supple, CDR H. R. Miller, CDR R. M. Mentzer, CAPT H. E. Austin, CDR V. M. Holm, CDR G. R. Green, LCDR K. D. Rashid, and LCDR D. M. Staudenraus. Second row left, and LCDR J. E. Bidwell, second row right. The graduates are, from left to right, HN Gregory M. Burk, HM3 Norman P. Baker, HM3 Julio R. Aguilar, HM3 Thomas J. Dopson, HN Daisy J. Berry, HM3 Mark A. Quinn, HM3 James L. Jones, HN Jack S. Pava, and HN Michael T. Munro. In the third row are HM3 Gary E. Conner, HN Brian Baker, HN John E. Clayton, HM3 Theodore M. Burton, HM3 Kim R. Garthwaite, HM3 William J. Wilkerson, HM2 Michael T. Patterson, HN Earl L. Schrock, and the enlisted instructor, HMC M. D. Nicholson.

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DEDICATION TOMORROW AT 1400

Senator Kuchel Key Speaker

More than 800 persons are expected to turn out tomorrow for the dedication of Oak Knoll's new nine-story \$14,500,000 permanent building.

Here to deliver the dedicatory address scheduled for 1400 will be Senator Thomas H. Kuchel. The Senator and Mrs. Kuchel will fly out from Washington for the event.

Congressman George P. Miller, VADM Robert B. Brown, Surgeon General of the Navy, CAPT William E. Davidson, Commanding Officer of the Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Officer in Charge of Construction; and Bruce W. Bennett, Western Division Business Manager for Huber, Hunt, and Nichols, contractors; will participate in the ceremony. CAPT Henry E. Austin, CHC, USN, will give the invocation and LCDR Peter J. Durkin, CHC, USN, the benediction. The elevated base of the flagpole will serve as a stage.

The Marine Corps Band from 29 Palms will play a medley of patriotic airs, provide the ruffles and flourishes, and roll the drums for the hoisting of the flag.

RADM Edward P. Irons will welcome the guests aboard.

Among the many civilian and military dignitaries attending will be three former Commanding Officers—RADM A. H. Dearing of Santa Clara, who served from 11 January 1944 to 11 January 1947 when casualties from the Pacific kept the daily patient census at more than 6,000 for many months; RADM Sterling S. Cook of Napa, whose 31 March 1949 to 10 March 1951 tour of duty encompassed the Korean War; and RADM Thomas G. Hays, who, during his service as CO from 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1963, was instrumental in winning Department of Defense approval for the new building.

The new structure will be dedicated just two days before the 26th anniversary of the hospital's commissioning in temporary barrack-type buildings, which were hastily constructed to receive World War II casualties from Pacific Battle Zones.

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Special Edition

A special dedication edition of the OAK LEAF will be out Friday, 12 July. Get it on the local news stands!



Here's how the new hospital looked to Tribune Photographer Russ Reed, when he flew over the compound early this month.

Mr. Scheid a Proficient Purchaser

Aubrey A. Scheid, who heads the Procurement Section of Fiscal and Supply, has received the CO's Letter of Commendation for outstanding service in developing a procurement policy that has enabled the command to purchase the equipment and material necessary to equip a newly-constructed 650-bed hospital.

"In every instance the command has received the type of equipment ordered with no compromise as to quality. You have handled in a commendable manner many difficult transactions relating to system design and installation procedures. Complex procurement actions involving sophisticated medical equipment have all been developed in a technically superior manner which insured a purchase most compatible with the hospital requirements," the Admiral's letter stated. It also referred to Mr. Scheid's "devotion to duty and tire-



Commended by the CO

less work, both of which are consistent with the finest traditions of government service."

Admiral Hays To Address Interns

RADM Thomas G. Hays, MC, USN, Ret., who served as Commanding Officer at Oak Knoll from 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1963 will speak at graduation exercises scheduled for 1400 today in the Officers' Club auditorium.

Members of the class, representing 17 different medical and dental schools, will be honored at the program. They are LTs William M. Burrows, Jon W. Candy, Frank E. Carroll, Douglas L. Horton, Thomas Lohner, Paul C. Lorenzen, Jack F. Mason, Brian G. McAlary, James N. McLamb, Lawrence F. Nelson, David G. Nielsen, John A. Routenberg, Lee A. Sheffer, Roger D. Shetterly, Robert H. Smart, and David G. Walsh medical interns; and LTs Robert J. Chapman, Thomas C. Graves, Robert W. Jack, and Gary L. Smith, dental.

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+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"Nor does anyone pour new wine into used wineskins. If he does, the skins will burst, and then the wine pours out and the skins will be ruined. Instead, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins, and both will keep in good condition."

There is something that is very exciting about anything new, whether it is a new car, new clothing or even a new building. The idea of possessing something that has the look and smell of newness appeals to most of us.

This month we dedicate a new hospital for the care of the sick and wounded—for the benefit of many. We must stop and ask ourselves what we will bring to this new hospital building—just a pride in possession or a rededication—a newness in ourselves to treat and care for the needs of others. A new building can give improved facilities for patient care, but only the effort and dedication of those who use the facilities can accomplish the task for which the building is dedicated.

M. W. McCOY
LCDR, CHC, USNR

HN Charlene Metrano Is a Urology Tech



HN Charlene D. Metrano is congratulated by CDR J. D. Real upon completion of 11 months of on-job training, which made her one of four female urology technicians on active duty in the Navy. Charlene, of Woodburn, Massachusetts, reported to Oak Knoll on 13 August 1966.

Memorial Plaque Honors HN Kinyon

In Roseburg, Ore., there's to be a memorial plaque listing the names of boys from Douglas County who have given their lives in the Vietnam fighting. One of them is HN Rodney E. Kinyon, 20, who served at Oak Knoll for a year before he left for Camp Pendleton. He departed for Vietnam with the First Marine Division 24 May and was hit at Quang Nam 7 June.

Contributions for the memorial plaque may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinyon, Box 730, Rt. 3, Roseburg, Ore. 97470.

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Educationally disadvantaged veterans now receive education allowances under the new GI Bill to complete high school or take refresher courses without diminishing their eligibility for college education or other training.

Remember the Sabbath

Often in the rush of our lives we forget that there is a time and place for worship.

There is a place and time for worship for staff and patients of Naval Hospital, Oakland.

Daily Masses are held at the chapel at 1200. On Sunday there are two Masses at 0830 and 1215.

Protestant Services are held at 1030 each Sunday.

The Chaplains of the hospital are here to serve you, they may be reached through the chaplains office during regular working hours or through the switchboard operator at night.

Stamp to Honor Women Marines

A commemorative five-cent postal card honoring the Silver Anniversary of the Women Marines will be issued by the Post Office Department 26 July at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco.

Anyone for Thailand, Libya, Alaska?

The Civilian Personnel Office has received its first "Positive Recruiting List" under the new "Overseas Employment Referral Program." The list includes the following positions:

Position	Country	Military Component
Safety Officer, GS-081-7	England and Spain	Air Force
Clerk-Stenographer, GS-312-4	Thailand	Air Force
Clerk-Stenographer, GS-312-4	Vietnam	Navy
Secretary-Stenographer, GS-318-5	Philippines	Air Force
Administrative Assistant, GS-341-9	Vietnam	Navy
Accountant, GS-510-11	Alaska	Air Force
Accounting Technician, GS-525-7	Germany and Libya	Air Force
Librarian, GS-1410-7	Alaska and Okinawa	Air Force
Librarian-Administrative, GS-1410-11	Okinawa	Air Force
Travel Clerk, GS-2132-6	Japan	Air Force
Electrician	Alaska	Air Force
Plumbing Supervisor	Libya	Air Force
Steamfitter	Alaska	Air Force
Repair & Maintenance Estimator Supervisor	Okinawa	Air Force
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic	Libya	Air Force

The Complete Listing is available in the Civilian Personnel Office.

70th Birthday for Hospital Corps



HMC Robert Scott and CAPT David B. Rulon supervise as HA Shelley Goldberg cuts the cake at the Hospital Corps Birthday Ball. More than three hundred corpsmen and guests dined and danced at the gala affair held 15 June at the Holiday House in Hayward.



CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Jr. presented the Navy Commendation Medal to LT William A. Stocker and the Bronze Star Medal to HM3 David D. Thompson, during a recent inspection.

LT Stocker, HM3 Thompson Earn Decorations for Vietnam Service

LT W. A. Stocker, MC, USNR, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and HM3 David D. Thompson the Bronze Star Medal at a recent personnel inspection. CAPT R. P. Dobbie made the presentations.

LT Stocker's award was for meritorious service as Chief of Anesthesiology with the First Hospital Co., First Marine Division in Viet-

nam from 13 April 1967 to 15 February 1968.

"Through his tireless efforts in training personnel in the Anesthesiology department, LT Stocker ensured availability of the best possible resuscitation and surgical care for all casualties. . . . Aware of the shortage of qualified personnel to supervise the Intensive Care Unit, he instituted an intensive care training program for nurses and corpsmen, increasing the number of personnel available to care for the critically wounded and undoubtedly saving many lives.

"Demonstrating outstanding professionalism and seemingly unlimited stamina, he ministered to the seriously wounded on a 24-hour basis, inspiring his entire staff by his selfless dedication . . ." the citation read in part.

HM3 Thompson's Bronze Star was in recognition of his heroic achievement on 13 January 1968 while serving with Co. H, Third Battalion, Seventh Marine Division in Vietnam.

On patrol when the Marines came under intense fire, HM3 Thompson heard a call for a corpsman. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense hostile fire, he ran to the side of the wounded man and began administering first aid. Suddenly the enemy began concentrating a heavy volume of fire at the Corpsman and his patient.

"The Marine was wounded twice more, and Thompson, while attempting to shield the Marine with his own body, twice had his helmet knocked from his head by enemy fire. He courageously remained at his patient's side and skillfully treated his wounds until a reaction force arrived . . . Petty Officer Thompson's courage, sincere concern for the welfare of his comrade in the face of great personal danger undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded Marine," said the citation.

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Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS AROUND THE GROUNDS: Everyone praying for fair ("But please, not too hot") weather for the dedication. . . . Mr. Langston and Chief Axworthy making plans to prevent a traffic snarl. . . . LTJG Robertson rehearsing the tour guides. . . . LT Donald Bain and Bill Whittington of Operating Services directing the major house-cleaning operation. . . . Mr. McClay dispatching a driver to Vallejo to pick up the programs for ushers to distribute. . . . Movers positioning furniture. . . . ENS Lekvold and his staff affixing countless neat metal plaques to gift paintings and television sets. . . . HM2 Rickard and Cheryl Dart planning their photograph approach. . . . CDR Gale Green polishing his sword for the cake-cutting. . . . Contractors and decorators working like mad to get the building ready for public view. . . . All this while the interns rehearse their skits for tonight's hail and farewell—small take-offs on the way they sometimes think they were put-upon during the past year. . . . Corpsmen happily remembering the party that celebrated the 70th Birthday of the Hospital Corps. . . . Nurses enjoying the Sunday reception at NAS Alameda for LCDR Delma Linville, who retires again this week (It was official a year ago) after staying on an extra year to help relieve the nursing shortage. . . . YOC employees fitting neatly into their summer niches. . . . Red Cross Volunteers in striped uniforms going about their chores.

WEDDING BELLS rang for Eloise Voetsch of Staff Pers on 14 June when she and her long time friend, Dr. Edwin O. Smith, slipped away to the mountains of Nevada to exchange marriage vows. The bridegroom is a retired Methodist minister. They will live at Eloise's home on Circle Hill Drive not far from the hospital.

OAKNOLLUMNI NUPTIAL NOTES: Dr. Marvin Gerber, former Chief of Surgery, and Miss Eva Bergstrom, a former airline stewardess from Birsay, Saskatchewan, Canada, were married in the Treasure Island Chapel 25 May, with Chaplin H. E. Austin officiating. . . . Bachelorette LaVerne Hein, formerly of Data Processing, and LTJG Joe Patterson, USN, of the Naval Investigative service, are planning a 10 August wedding. The exchange of vows will take place in the Oak Knoll Chapel, with a reception following in the Officers' Club. Their first home will be in Hawaii while LTJG Patterson serves as XO of a Pearl Harbor-based ship.

Life began on 18 June for Gary Lynn Hofer, 6 lb. 5 oz. son of HMC Donovan Hofer of PMT and wife Shizuko. . . . 19 June for Cheryl Denise Bernstein, 7 lb. 5 oz. daughter of LT Bernard Bernstein, Medical Service, and wife Carolyn. . . . 20 June for Patricia Ann Besosa, 9 lb. 3 1/2 oz. daughter of HM3 Jack Besosa, of OR, and wife Catherine. . . . 20 June for Lisa René Smith, 6 lb. daughter of HM1 John Smith of NPRL and wife Lois. . . . 22 June for Vicky Caroline Kamen, 6 lb. 12 1/2 oz. daughter of LT Clifford Kamen of Internal Medicine and wife Sherron.

LCDR Moyers Certified

LCDR J. R. Moyers is receiving congratulations on his certification by the American Board of Radiology.

Heart Association Presents a Medal To LCDR Wolff

LCDR Gerald A. Wolff has received the Alameda County Heart Association's Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his work in directing a coronary care nursing course for the association.

The two-week course, which was given in March, was an attempt to bring together all hospitals in a continuing cooperative effort to train nurses for coronary care duty.

Thirty nurses from 15 hospitals took the course, which was taught by 25 doctors from eight different hospitals. It was given at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The association plans to repeat the course three or four times a year and has applied for a U.S. Public Health Service grant for this purpose.

Oak Knoll nurses who took the course were LT S. K. Walcutt; LTJGs J. L. Monk and M. P. Duffy, and ENS F. E. Neff.

Reception

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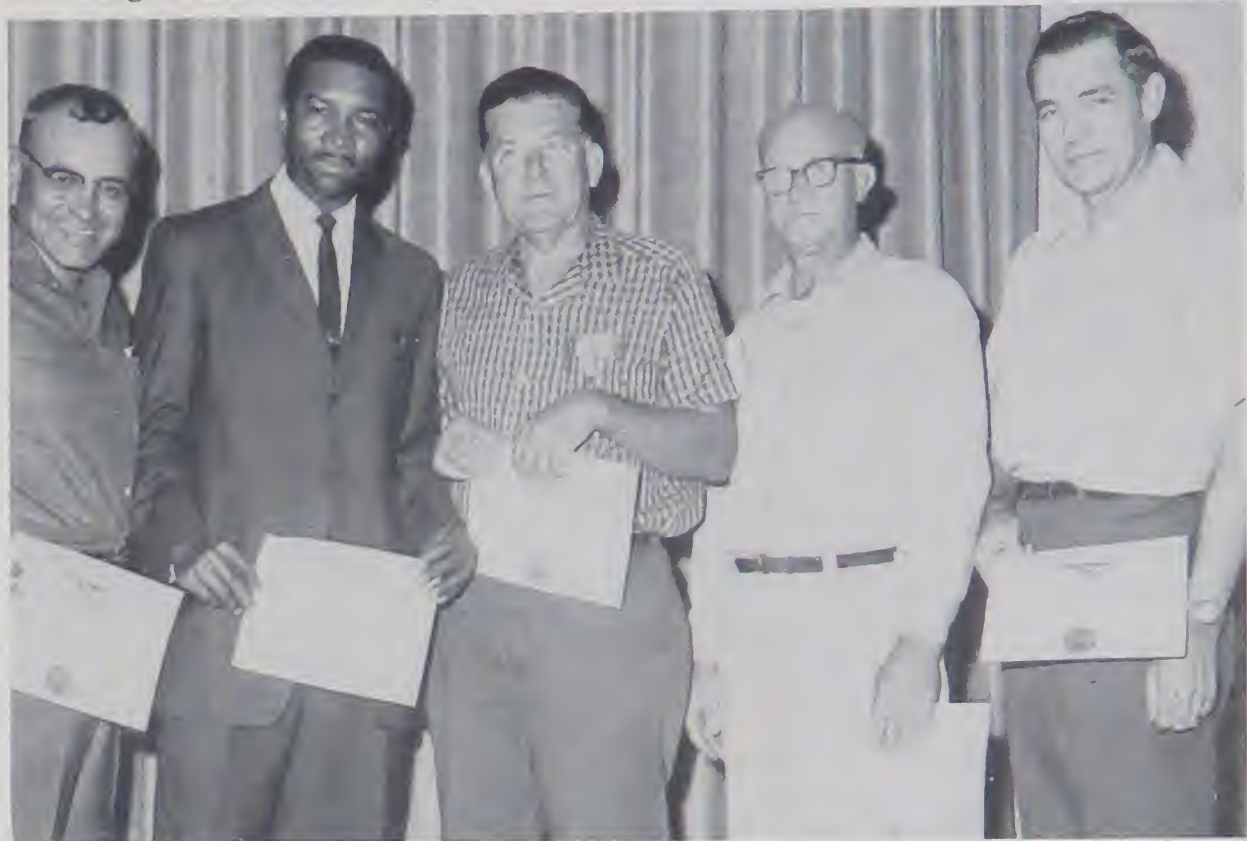
Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held in the new dining room for all attending.

Tours will be conducted during the reception.

All staff members, military and civilian, and their families are invited to the ceremony and reception. However, because of space and time limitations, staff members are asked not to join tour groups. Special tours will be arranged for staff members and dependents soon after the dedication.



LCDR Gerald A. Wolff received the Alameda County Heart Association's Distinguished Service Medal and a warm handshake from its outgoing president, Mr. Marcus McNamara, at the organization's 11 June meeting at The Blue Dolphin.



Length of Service Awards were presented to five civilians at the 13 June Supervisors' Meeting. Frank Quezada and Cato Mason, both of Fiscal and Supply Division, received 20-year awards. Albert Lee and Hershel Rose of Maintenance, and Raymond Voigt, Security received 30-year awards.

"Mame" Brings Music, Mirth & Autographs



The forty member cast of "Mame" came to Oak Knoll wards on 4 June. The star of the show Angela Lansbury handed out programs from the show and chatted with each patient. At left, she signs an autograph for A01 Robert King. Upper right, a glamorous actress sings to PFC Tom Hohenberger. Lower right Jane Connell and Willard Waterman (the "Great Gildersleeve" of radio fame) sing a comic duet.

EDITORIAL

Sacrifice Knows No Holidays

What does the Fourth of July mean to you? Is it just another day off from work—a day to loaf around the house, head for the beach or mountains, or go to a ball game—or have you given some consideration to the real meaning of Independence Day?

Think back to your school days for a minute and recall what you learned about the Declaration of Independence. It contains a theory of government and a list of specific acts which made separation from England necessary at that time.



It was a case of less than three million people challenging the most powerful political and military nation in the world. The people in America wanted their freedom and they were prepared to fight for it. Whether rich or poor, they were prepared to sacrifice everything for that elusive ideal—freedom.

It took seven years of sacrifice and bitter fighting to win that easily declared independence. Since then, nearly 41 million other Americans have served on battlefields all over the world to perpetuate the freedom and independence declared July 4, 1776. More than a million of them have given their lives.

As we observe Independence Day 1968, another quarter-of-a-million Americans are serving the cause of freedom on a far-flung battlefield. For them, there will be no holiday—no beaches, picnics or ball games.

For all Americans, freedom and independence should not be mere words or excuses for a day off, but living, vital ideals worth the same sacrifices today that they were worth in 1776. (AFPS)

12ND Men's Golf Tournament to Be Played At Moffett Field Course 22-23 July

The 12ND Men's Golf Tournament which will consist of 18 holes of medal play daily on 22-23 July will be held at the Moffett Field Golf Course, starting at 0800. Senior Division will start at 1300.

The 12ND Finals will also be held at the Moffett Course on 29-30 July. The lowest 16 medal scores in the Open Division and the lowest eight scores in the Senior Division will qualify. 72 holes of golf are scheduled.

The Open Division includes all male golfers junior in age to the Senior Division. The Senior Division is comprised of male golfers who have reached their 45th birthday on or before 1 August.

A Senior golfer may elect to compete in the Open Division, but

this selection must be noted prior to the tournament and all his competition must be in the same division.

Deadline for entries is 5 July. For further information contact the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264.

Women Golfers To Play 17-18 July

The 12ND Women's Golf Tournament which consists of 18 holes of medal play daily on 17-18 July will be held at the Moffett Field Golf Course, NAS Moffett Field.

It is requested that entries be submitted no later than 5 July on forms which may be obtained through the Director of Athletics.

Sideline Scenes

Knoll Whops Hunters Point

By Ron Brown

The Oak Knoll Varsity Softball Team made it three in a row last week as they whitewashed Hunters Point by a whopping score of 24-1. In the two previous games the varsity team shut out Skaggs Island 6-0 and Coast Guard 6-0.

The Hilltoppers have combined their talents with those of some players from NAS Alameda to make them probably the strongest team in the league. Despite two early season defeats at the hands of Mare Island and Moffett Field, currently in a tie for first place. Oak Knoll is right behind with a 4-2 record. Moffett Field and Mare Island each have one loss.

If Oak Knoll should go undefeated the rest of the season, they could do no worse than tie for first place, which would force a playoff for the league title. The Hilltoppers are confident now that they will go all the way to win the 12ND crown.

Along with such stars as Jim Scarlata, Rick Fuller, Adam DeMello, John Hough, and Larry Webb, the team has added the much needed help from NAS Alameda, their players being Sonny Croom, Tom Jeffries, Jerry Ballard, Mel Rutledge, and "Tiny" Terry Lunt.

This week the team travels to Mare Island for a showdown match, hoping to reverse an early season 9-1 loss. On 2 July, the team hosts the strong Moffett Field nine. Oak Knoll also hopes to reverse an early season 6-3 defeat at the hands of Moffett Field.

District Tennis Matches at Alameda

The 12ND Men's Open Tennis Championships will be held 8-12 July at NAS Alameda. The tournament will be a single elimination type in singles and doubles competition with the best two out of three matches in effect.

Seniors may participate in this tournament for points and awards. However, qualification for seniors to the West Coast Tournament must be obtained in the Senior Tournament only.

West Coast All-Navy Champion-



SD3 Rogelio I. Odviar reenlisted 4 June for six more years. He originally enlisted in 1958 and has been at Oak Knoll since July 1967. He and his wife, Belen, and two children make their home in Alameda.

Knoll Golfers 5th In 8-Team League

The Oak Knoll Golf Team is currently holding down 5th spot in the 12ND travel league in an 8-team league. But more important, they are boasting a 6-6 record with their nearest rival in "B" competition (Concord NAVWPNSTA) sporting a 2-8 record. Playing on the team are LCDR Tom Carson of Dermatology, team captain; LCDR Joe Gregonis of LAB, LCDR Bob Middlekauff of ENT, ENS B. Lkvold of Special Services, HMCM Jim Bull of Staff personnel, and EM1 Tom Taylor of Public Works.

The team has matches left against Mare Island 18 June, NAS Oakland 25 June. They wrap up their season against NAS Alameda 2 July at Chabot Golf Course. All matches are scheduled for 1230.

The team will then participate in the upcoming 12ND Championships being held at NAS Moffett Field 22, 23, 29, and 30 July. The top four of the district finals will represent the 12ND in the Pacific Coast Regional All-Navy Championships being held at Naval Station, San Diego, 13-16 August. The All-Navy Championships will be held at Naval Station, Long Beach 19-23 August.

ships will be held at NTC, San Diego, 22-26 July 1968. Contact the Director of Athletics for further information.



Class No. 47 of Preventive Medicine Technicians graduated 7 June. The graduates are (in the front row from left to right) HM2 B. W. Leasure, HM1 G. M. Raines, USCG, HMC R. R. Teich, HMC J. L. McMullen, HMC B. E. Pack, HMC P. W. Puckett, HM1 L. G. Petersen, and HM1 R. R. Ashley. In the second row are HM1 D. J. Coons, HM1 M. Gibbons, HM2 G. C. Olsen, HM2 W. L. Townsell, HM1 J. R. Schwarz, HM2 D. A. Quinlan, HM1 R. W. Thomas, and HM1 P. W. Walters. In the back row are HM1 D. Diamond, HM2 L. L. Degreif, HM1 J. D. Messer, HM1 R. Hawley, HM2 P. D. Breedlove, HM1 R. Rangel, HM2 R. L. McKay, HM2 H. E. Smith, HM1 M. R. Harper, and HM1 D. C. McGill. Not pictured is HM1 A. D. Ley.

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NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Friday, 12 July 1968

Important Milestone

Building Dedicated in Colorful Ceremony

Saturday, 29 June, dawned bright and clear. The breezes that stirred an occasional cloud of dust also kept the silky Sun-

day flag unfurled once it had been hoisted in front of the new, nine-story, \$14,500,000 building.

Sunbeams bounced off gold braid as high-ranking officers from throughout the area were ushered to their places by

young MSC officers who kept in step with the military rhythms of the Marine Corps Band from 29 Palms.

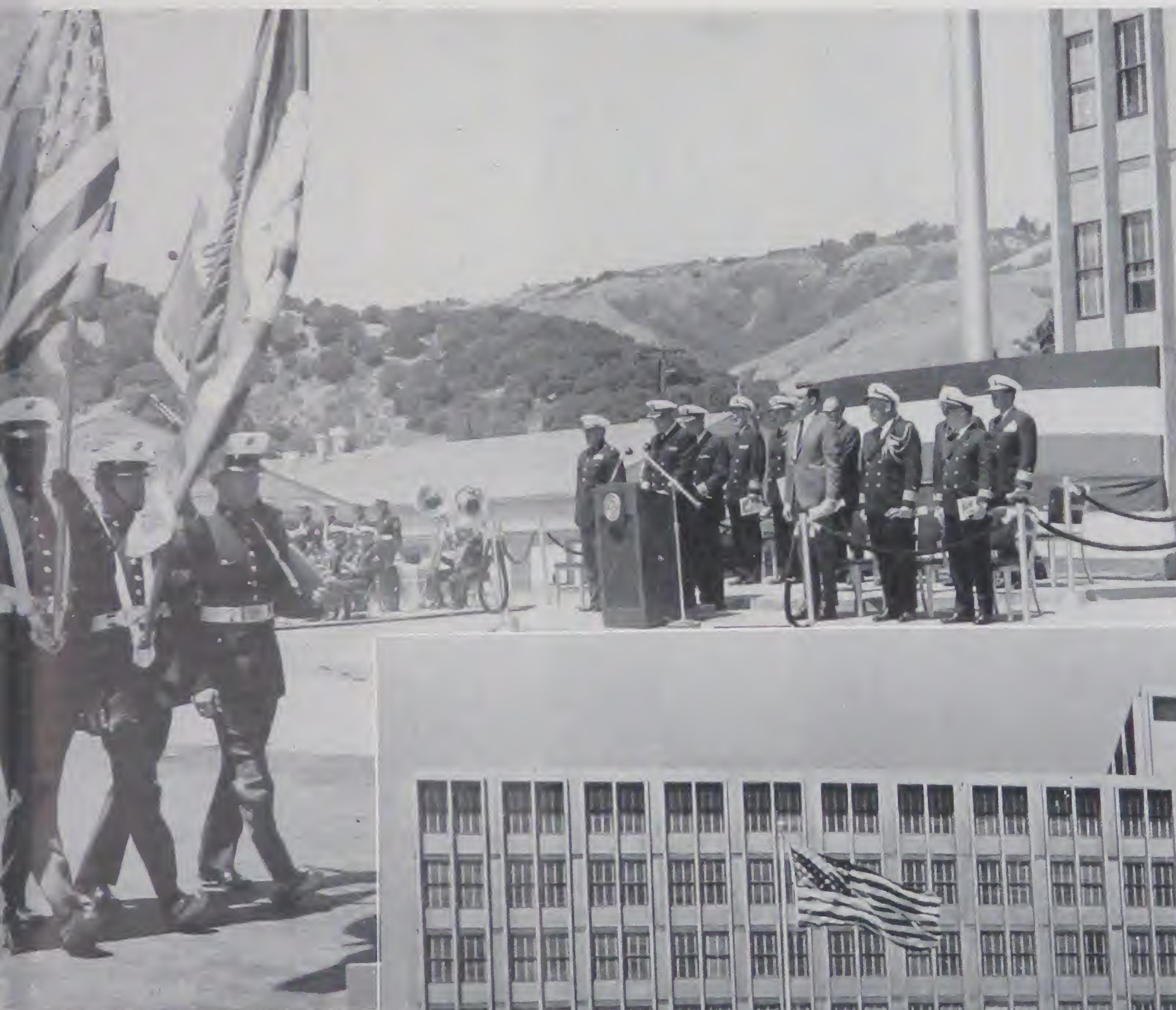
The crowd numbered more than 1,000.

Distinguished guests were introduced and major contributions to the new hospital acknowledged. The symbolic gold key changed hands several times but finally came into the Commanding Officer's possession to make Oak Knoll's custody of the building official. The key, suitably inscribed, will ultimately be displayed along with the spade used to break ground 7 December 1965. The hoisting of the flag was accomplished briskly while television cameras and many others recorded the scene.

Reception

The program was climaxed by Senator Thomas H. Kuchel's dedicatory address, which, like the weather, was perfect for the occasion.

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Senator Kuchel Delivers Address

"I join in these ceremonies, dedicating a great new naval hospital, with deep feelings of both humility and pride — humility in the presence of so many who have given so much in the cause of human freedom, pride that in this new, permanent facility, skilled and dedicated specialists, using the most advanced tools and techniques of medical science, will restore our sick, our wounded, and our disabled, and return them to productive life.

"Here, in this new Naval Hospital, a grateful nation will be able

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The Oak Leaf

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Meet LTJG Sharon E. Kosch, NC, first and only member of the staff to earn an Honor Medal in the annual Freedoms Foundation Letter Writing Contest. The medal is mounted on a wooden base with a flag that can be hoisted or lowered. Subject of the letter was "Freedom—My Heritage, My Responsibility."

The increase in the number of private motor vehicle deaths in 1968 is cause for continuing concern. Eighty-six Marines were killed in off-duty motor vehicle accidents from 1 January-31 May 1968. This is a 16.4 percent increase over the same period in 1967. Forty-six of these Marines were killed during April and May 1968. This trend can and must be reduced.

Individual awareness of deficiencies is the first step toward taking preventive action. Special emphasis must be placed on known problem areas. Although a thorough analysis by each command of off-duty motor vehicle accident causes is necessary to determine local cause trends, it is well known that speed, fatigue, and drinking are contributing factors to these accidents.

It is each person's moral responsibility to avoid these recognized hazards.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There is a song with the strange title "The World Upside Down." Sometimes this is the way that we feel life treats us—our world, our life, gets turned around and we develop the "Midas touch" in reverse. Everything we touch, rather than turning to gold, seems to crumble and fall apart.

There are several ways that we can approach life when it hits us in such a way. 1. Fatalism: "Well that's the way the ball bounces." 2. Negatively and bitterly: "I always get a raw deal." or 3. Positively: "Things may get difficult, but I shall not let it get me down. I will work to overcome the obstacles that confront me."

Our lives will never be without physical and emotional obstacles, but each one or the accumulation of them cannot overcome us if we are willing to face them realistically and do our best always.

Living a Christian life does not mean that God is going to give us a life free of limitations and difficulties, rather it means that we find joy in living in a natural order that has both the bitter and the sweet.

M. W. McCoy
LCDR, CHC, USN



CPL Ernest A. Grundy and 2nd LT Terence L. Joeckel receive Bronze Star Medals during COL L. D. Grow's visit on 5 June.

2nd LT Joeckel, CPL Grundy Earn Bronze Star for Vietnam Service

2nd LT Terence L. Joeckel and CPL Ernest A. Grundy were presented Bronze Star Medals on 5 June by COL L. D. Grow, CO of the TI Marine Barracks.

2nd LT Joeckel was decorated for heroic achievement while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division. On 24 January 1968 his unit came under intense fire.

"Although wounded in the face by the initial burst of enemy fire and unable to talk, 2nd LT Joeckel deployed his men into a defensive perimeter to provide covering fire . . . to recover their casualties, and move to more advantageous positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced to an exposed position and, writing coordinates and corrections to be relayed by his radio operator, adjusted artillery fire with pinpoint accuracy and directed air strikes to within 100 meters of friendly positions, destroying many enemy weapon positions and causing the North Vietnamese force to withdraw. . . . 2nd LT Joeckel ensured that all the wounded had been evacuated before accepting medical evacuation for himself. His exceptional leadership and indomitable fighting spirit inspired all who observed him . . ." the citation read in part.

CPL Grundy received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while serving as a rifleman and subsequently as a Fire Team Leader with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, First Marine Division from 23 February to 5 April 1968.

"Exceptionally skilled in small unit tactics, he participated in numerous combat patrols and ambushes and, disregarding his own safety, aggressively maneuvered his

men to engage the enemy. On 4 April 1968 when his platoon was ambushed and temporarily pinned down . . . Corporal Grundy fearlessly moved to an exposed position and directed accurate and continuous fire against enemy positions, suppressing the hostile fire and enabling his platoon to maneuver to more advantageous positions. On 5 April when the battalion command post came under heavy mortar attack, Corporal Grundy was critically wounded. In spite of his previous wounds, he steadfastly continued to encourage his companions until he was subsequently medically evacuated . . ." the citation stated.

SGT Curtis Gets Merit Promotion



SGT Russell W. Curtis, USMC, who received the Navy Cross, the Navy's second highest award for heroism during Loyalty Day ceremonies in San Francisco 28 April, has received another honor — a meritorious promotion to master sergeant. The promotion took place at a recent ceremony at Treasure Island, where COL. W. E. Melby, Acting CO of the Marine Barracks, presented the certificate to make the rare promotion official. The 33-year-old sergeant earned the promotion, as he did the Navy Cross, by throwing himself on a hand grenade to save a comrade.

Intern Graduation In NEXT LEAF

The story and photo coverage of the intern graduation will be carried in the next issue of the OAK LEAF.



Mrs. R. P. Dobbie, 1967-68 president of the Officers' Wives Club, wishes Mrs. J. F. Rosborough well as she takes over as 1968-69 president of the club. Stepping out, from left to right, are Mrs. C. W. Mathews, recording secretary; Mrs. V. M. Holm, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. L. C. M. Vosseler, vice president. Stepping into their new duties are Mrs. J. F. Wurzel, center, vice president; Mrs. F. W. Koester, recording secretary; Mrs. J. B. Edwards, treasurer; and Mrs. D. J. Kelly, corresponding secretary. The new officers were presented at the 12 June luncheon.

Hospital Accredited For Another Three

Oak Knoll has recently been granted full accreditation for a period of three additional years by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals.

The seal of accreditation has been likened to the sterling hallmark on silver—a mark of quality in hospital service and medical care. The seal of accreditation guarantees to the patient that the hospital measures up to high standards established by the JCAH, and all staff members may take pride in this accomplishment.

Original Paintings Add Beauty, Color To New Building

The many beautiful paintings seen in lobbies and offices by those who toured the hospital on Dedication Day are the gifts of generous friends of the hospital.

More than 60 original oil paintings and water colors were obtained for the hospital by various Northern California Councils of the Navy League of the United States.

"Operation Art for the Armed Forces" sent four paintings from Hollywood.

Paintings in the outpatient lobby are gifts of the Treasure Island Officers' Wives' Club, and the large painting in the main lobby was given by the Oak Knoll Officers' Wives' Club.

Officers and men of the 12th Marine Corps District presented the large painting seen in the enlisted men's dining room.



The small piece of paper changing hands here is a very large gift to the hospital from Woodrow Wilson Chapter 15, Military Order of the Purple Heart, San Francisco. It is a check for \$5,040 for the purchase of television sets for the new hospital. The presentation was made to CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer, by Shaffe T. Courey, National Senior Vice Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart. Theodore Grubel is Woodrow Wilson Chapter Commander and Paul Torosian is its Finance Officer.

Sacramento Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Naval Air Rework Facility at NAS Alameda, and the Chabot Women's Service Group have given large sums for purchase of televisions, and many other groups and individuals have provided the cost of one or more sets.

Senator Kuchel

"Grateful Nation Will Be Able Far Better To Minister to Needs of Her Fallen Sons"

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far better to minister to the needs of her fallen service sons than before. Oak Knoll is, and has been, a proud name, with a proud history, ever since it came into being, from and after the Second World War. The high service of Oak Knoll to the men of that war, of Korea, and in time of peace are surely recorded on our Nation's honor roll. Those services will now continue and expand in this modern naval hospital. Here, the miracles of modern medicine and surgery, in the hands of that valiant breed who assist in God's work of healing, will carry on, fulfilling the prayers and hopes of those in uniform who come here to be mended and to be cured." So began U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel's dedicatory address.

Senator Kuchel remarked that the burden of defending America falls heaviest on the young and the dedicated.

"This hospital is a major part of American society's effort to try to make the unequal sacrifice of those wounded in battle easier to bear. It represents a high and solemn obligation for any nation seeking to follow the rule of justice in its public life."

The Senator said the new \$14,500,000 hospital "reaffirms the unquenchable vitality of those who keep faith with our Nation, that the ceremony was opening a new chapter in the life of an institution dedicated to ministering to those who believe in and have fought for our national cause. The very work of Oak Knoll is a testament to the vitality of our people and their faith in their own destiny."

He spoke of the amazing developments in military medicine and its role in the conflict in Southeast Asia, of devoted service and deep and compassionate faith in human values, and he paid special tribute to the work of the Prosthetics Research Laboratory in restoring to active life the most severely wounded of our fighting men.

Senator Kuchel referred to the demand of youth for a larger say in our society, of the fact that some in America today pretend that obligations to our Nation and the principles for which it stands are no longer binding—that, in fact, you have a right to walk out on civic duty.

"There is much that can be done to remove the gaps of misunderstanding between those who guide our country and those called upon to serve it," he said, citing the 18-year-old vote and removal of inequities from the Selective Service System as positive steps to be taken.

When a student chooses to burn his draft card, the Senator said, it means not only that he has broken the law and that someone else may have to serve in his place but that "the very educational process which produced him has failed, somehow, to teach him the value of service."



Senator Thomas H. Kuchel gives the dedicatory address. In the background may be seen the Marine Corps Band and an old building, with paint peeling.

Mr. (Television) Haar Sees New Hospital



One of the most enthusiastic visitors to the new hospital on D-Day was Sol Haar of Fremont, Nebr. Here, with Admiral Irons, he views one of 50 television sets purchased with \$7,000 he personally raised for this purpose from individuals, firms, and organizations in and around Fremont.

While on a business trip to San Francisco, the Fremont restaurant owner was asked to look in on a Vietnam casualty in the amputee ward. Touched by the courage of the wounded, he immediately sought ways to make their hospital stay as pleasant as possible.

Three large color television sets for day rooms and many other gifts such as electric corn poppers, supplies of popcorn, stationery, and books, have been donated to the hospital as a result of Mr. Haar's philanthropic efforts.

Guiding the CO, Mr. Haar, and other VIPs through the new building was LCDR J. R. Mulvey, Hospital Liaison Officer.



First item on the agenda for those to be seated on stage was a briefing in the CO's handsome board room (1). Reading clockwise, from left are Bruce W. Bennett, Western Division General Manager for Huber, Hunt, and Nichols, contractors; LCDR Paul J. Durkin, CHC; CAPT Henry E. Austin, CHC; CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer; RADM Edward P. Irons, Commanding Officer; LTJG Ronald R. Aldrich, MSC, Aide to the CO; Senator Thomas H. Kuchel; Congressman George P. Miller; CAPT William E. Davidson, CEC, Commanding Officer, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Officer in Charge of Construction; and CAPT W. M. Ringness, USN, Chief of Staff for ComWestSea-Fron. In (2) the VIPs leave the building to take their places on the elevated circles around the base of the flagpole, which served as a stage. (3) Mr. Bennett, a young man with task nearly complete, advances to the stage, where he was soon to turn the symbolic gold key over to Captain Davidson. (4) Captain Davidson transferred the key to VADM Robert B. Brown, Surgeon General of the Navy, who in turn presented it to RADM Irons (5). In Photo (6) the Commanding Officer welcomes the guests. Before introducing Senator Kuchel he acknowledged major gifts to the new hospital, pledged continued service to the Navy and the community, and introduced the three former COs attending. Photo (7) shows them with their ladies—RADM and Mrs. Sterling S. Cook, RADM and Mrs. A. H. Dearing, and RADM and Mrs. Thomas G. Hays.

CO Expresses His Thanks

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the outstanding service of the staff in preparing for and conducting the Dedication Ceremony 29 June. As your Commanding Officer I was very proud of the flawless performance demonstrated throughout the ceremony, reception, and tours. The appearance of the hospital was particularly noteworthy. The many hours of careful planning and extremely hard work of the staff—military and civilian, officer and enlisted—resulted in an effect of perfection that a few days before had seemed impossible to achieve.

I wish I could thank individually the many who worked far beyond the normal working hours without complaint to enable us to hold the dedication on the scheduled date, but it would be impossible to do so without overlooking some of those most deserving of recognition.

May I therefore take this means of conveying to all hands my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

E. P. Irons
RADM, MC, USN

RADMs Hays, Irons, Andrews & Cokely Had a Hand in It

The new hospital, talked of for many years, was approved by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in June 1963 at the close of RADM T. G. Hays' five-year tour of duty. Approval came after Admiral Hays, with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, had fought long and hard to convince the Defense Department of the need for a new Navy hospital at this location.

RADM C. L. Andrews arrived from BuMed 29 June 1963 and under his leadership plans progressed steadily. A year after he took command funds for the new buildings were appropriated by Congress.

RADM H. J. Cokely relieved Admiral Andrews 30 December 1964 and by October 1965 he saw patients moved from the old orthopedic wards and personally operated the bulldozer when 43B was demolished. Upon Admiral Cokely's retirement 20 October 1967 RADM E. P. Irons took command.

Oak Knoll's twelfth CO, Admiral Irons has provided vigorous guidance in the final stages of construction.

Gala Reception in EM Dining Room Followed by Well-Guided Tours

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At the reception that followed in the enlisted men's tastefully decorated dining room, the size of the crowd became readily apparent.

The handsome cake, decorated with the hospital seal, was cut. Friends greeted friends, recalling earlier times at Oak Knoll and looking forward to the future.

Wives of officers and senior chiefs, nurses, top Red Cross workers, and key civilian women presided at the tea and coffee services, while members of the Food Service staff manned the punch bowls and served the cake.

Tours guided by well-trained staff corpsmen took visitors to areas ready for public view—the ultra-modern surgery, surgical intensive care unit, laboratories, the impressive clinical assembly for professional meetings, the small chapel, neuropsychiatry patient care units, and the administrative complex. At each stop a member of the department was present to point out special features and answer visitors' questions.

Many who passed through the attractive main lobby paused to toss coins in the pool at the base

of the small waterfall, where ferns grow among the rocks. Said one "Who knows, maybe this pool will yield another television set!"

The dedication ceremony, memorable event in Oak Knoll history, took place just two days before the 26th anniversary of the hospital's commissioning.

LTJG Ron Aldrich En Route to Memphis

LTJG Ronald R. Aldrich, MSC, USNR, who has served as Assistant to the Administrative Officer and Aide to the CO, departs today for an assignment on the staff of CAPT Dean Schufeldt, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital, Memphis.

At Memphis Mr. Aldrich will again be involved in a construction program since ground is to be broken there today for a new permanent building.

Mr. Aldrich will drive through to Tampa, Fla., to join his wife Bobbi, and together they will continue to his new duty station. Mrs. Aldrich served as ward clerk on 65B until recently, when she resigned to await the birth of their first child.



Inside the New Oak Knoll

Following the dedication ceremony (1) Mrs. William E. Davidson, wife of the Officer in Charge of Construction, inspected the Navy Prosthetic Research Laboratory's new first floor location with VADM Robert B. Brown. (2) HM3 Robert Wilson appears to be standing guard in the spacious main lobby, only a small part of which is shown here. (3) RADM Irons supervised while VADM Brown and CDR Ruth L. Flickinger, with CDR Gale Green's sword, cut the cake, handsomely decorated with a replica of the hospital seal. (4) The Commanding Officer, Mrs. Kuchel, and Mrs. Davidson look in on a patient care unit. (5) At the reception Mrs. William Sheppard, whose husband is Administrative Officer of the Naval Hospital at Long Beach, and CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, chatted with RADM Leo B. McCuddin, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, and Mrs. McCuddin. (6) CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief of the Surgical Service, points out advantages of special equipment in the new surgery located on the fourth floor. (7) Before the crowd moved in, VIPs had a chance to admire the enlisted men's third floor dining room. HMCS Charles Axworthy is recognizable among them. (8) LTJG R. H. Robertson, Assistant Hospital Liaison Officer, and his tour guides, reviewing their routes, became the first group to meet in the handsome clinical assembly, where HM2 D. E. Rickard was at the ready with his camera. In (9) Mrs. Patricia Kinst, Gloria Sandwell, secretary to the ROICC; LTJG M. B. Williams, Assistant ROICC, and his wife Frances; and LCDR W. A. Andersen, Chief of Fiscal and Supply, visit over a cup of coffee. Mrs. Kinst is a member of the Chabot Women's Service Group, donor of 11 portable television sets for the new hospital.

COM 12 & Staff Moving 16 July To New Headquarters on TI

After 32 eventful years at the old Federal Office Building at 50 Fulton Street in San Francisco's Civic Center, the Commandant, 12ND, and his staff are moving to Treasure Island.

RADM Leo B. McCuddin, the District's 36th Commandant, will break his flag above Building 450 on 16 July.

Admiral McCuddin, along with 30 military personnel and 45 civilian employees will make the move. Other 12ND offices, presently at Treasure Island, will join the Commandant in the new building.

The move to the new \$1,250,000 building, located on H Street on the island, is part of a master plan for maximum utilization of Treasure Island and will consolidate naval activities in one central location.

Other federal agencies will be occupying the spaces vacated by the Navy. The recruiting offices, both officer and enlisted, will remain in their present location in the Federal Office Building along with the Office of Navy Overseas Employment, Pacific, and the Regional Office of Civilian Manpower Management.



Photo Credits

Photos in this issue are by Cheryl Dart, HM2 Donald E. Rickard, and HM3 Ronald R. Williams with three exceptions. JOC Ted Jorgenson of 12ND Public Affairs took the photo of Dr. Michael, et al, on Page 5. The Castlemont work-study program group picture, and HMC Nicholson's retirement are by 49A; the Page 1 photo of the new building is by Bill Crouch, Oakland Tribune.

Mrs. Henry A. Sparks had had her turn at pouring and accepted a cup of coffee from Donna Cruzan, XO's secretary.

CAPT Paul Michael, Here for Commissioning, Returns to See Permanent Building Dedicated



CAPT Paul Michael, MC, USNR, Ret., left, who was here for the commissioning 1 July 1942, reminisced with two old friends when he came up from Carmel for the dedication—Claire Martini, who as an employee of the K. E. Parker Co., contractors, "helped build Oak Knoll," and is still a member of the staff; and RADM Arthur H. Dearing, MC, USN, Ret., of Santa Clara, who was CO from January 1944 to January 1947.

First Reserve MO Recalls Early Days

CAPT Paul Michael, MC, USNR, Ret., the first Reserve Officer to be stationed at Oak Knoll, was among those attending the dedication 29 June.

"I was transferred from Mare Island early in 1942 while the hospital was still under construction," said Dr. Michael. "All the Administrative Offices were located in the present Officers' Club. Among my first duties was counting mattresses piled high in the main room of the club."

Dr. Michael supervised the arrival of the first patients from Pearl Harbor and later became Chief Reception Officer for the whole port of San Francisco. "The largest number of patients we received during this experience was over 2,000 in 24 hours," he recalled.

As first pathologist stationed at the hospital, he had but one microscope with which to work — his own. "We obtained our distilled water from a nearby Standard Oil station. I was the first Officer of the Day, first senior member of the Summary Court Martial Board and the first Deck Court Officer."

A history Dr. Michael wrote while on active duty here, remains the best source of information on Oak Knoll's early days.

When the Navy initiated its consultant system after the war, Admiral Dearing named Dr. Michael the first consultant in Pathology, and he remained a member of the consulting staff until he moved to Carmel eight years ago.

The early staff officer recalled that during his tour of active duty here, the Chief of Medicine was Dr. Dwight Wilbur, the new president of the American Medical Association.

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Know Your Staff



Man on the Move.

LCDR Andersen Has Viewed New Hospital From Both Directions

A man on the move (and deeply involved in the move into the new building) is LCDR William A. Andersen, Chief of Fiscal and Supply Division, who reported to Oak Knoll in August 1967 after four years in the Requirement Branch of the Planning Division at BuMed, where he was involved in determining requirements for medical facilities ashore and the design of medical facilities afloat.

"In returning to Oak Knoll, I am in an unique position. I worked on the requirement and justification for the new hospital as one of my first assignments at BuMed. Now, it is part of my job to put in the finishing touches and view the results of many years of work. Not many have this opportunity," noted LCDR Andersen.

It is LCDR Andersen's second tour of duty at Oak Knoll. In 1957 he was counsel to the PEB and Assistant to the Chief of Dependence Service.

A native of Los Angeles, LCDR

Andersen enlisted in the Navy during World War II and has served 24 years (12 years enlisted). He has been on the move during those 24 years. He served aboard the USS Osaga (LSV-3) for 23 months during World War II, the USS Elba (AKL-3) for 18 months in 1950 and 1951, and the USS Bonhomme Richard (CVA-31) for 24 months in 1958-1959. He served at Naval Hospital, Quantico, Va., 1952-1953, Naval Hospital Charleston, S.C., 1961-1962, and Naval Hospital Guam, 1955-1956.

A 1960 graduate of the Naval School of Hospital Administration, LCDR Andersen continued his education with night courses at George Washington University, where he received his BA degree in Business Administration in 1964 and his MS degree in Financial Management in 1967.

LCDR Andersen, his wife Beverly, and their two teen-agers make their home in Castro Valley. LCDR Andersen enjoys bowling in his spare time. "But lately I haven't been having much of that," stated the energetic MSC officer.

Scuttlebutt

KNOLLITEMS: That Ellsworth Fredette, baker, worked like a beaver to help get the Food Service Division squared away for dedication is not news, but so did his wife, and THAT IS! . . . ENS Lekvold met Senator Robert F. Kennedy and John Glenn at Disneyland and enjoyed talking about it—for just two days. . . . The term "mess hall" is to be dropped from Knollites' vocabulary as strictly inappropriate when the move into the new building is accomplished. . . . Mr. R. C. Hunt of San Francisco has given Knoll patients 43,920 donuts in the past two years—10 doz. donuts a day seven days a week, that is. . . . Anyone who knows the whereabouts of programs left over after the 29 June ceremony, please call the Public Affairs Office, Ext. 203. There are many requests for them. . . . Vivian Swofford, Secretary to the Training Committee, whose husband Bill, incidentally was Oak Knoll's 1st Food Service Officer, spent a recent weekend in Alaska but didn't make it to the intern's party, where she was presented a bouquet of red roses and a \$10 gift order in absentia. . . . Project 49 is enjoying fresh vegetables from the members' own garden. Furthermore, reports "The Project," the maintenance crew dug a barbecue pit, where 78 chickens were barbecued for an enjoyable evening of getting acquainted with families and friends. . . . Special to HN Charlene Metrano: Sorry about that misspelled headline. . . . HN Dorothy Jackson of the Allergy Clinic last week was interviewed for a possible story about herself and her Navy job for the Smith, Kline, and French Drug Co. publication. If used, it will reach an audience of 90,000.

OAKNOLLUMNI: CAPT Sidney L. Arje, who left his Oak Knoll XO duties to take command of NavHosp, St. Albans, is now Regional Medical Director for Western Area of the American Cancer Society, and he and Mrs. Arje will live in San Francisco.



Among the critical jobs at the dedication ceremony was hoisting the colors at exactly the right moment. Though hidden from the audience and speakers by a wall of bunting, HM3s Michael Priest and Robert Wilson could not relax at any time. The 9 x 17 ft. Sunday flag of slippery nylon had to be hand-held because of the wind until it was run up the shiny new pole. Even then the wind seemed determined to sweep it away, but Priest and Wilson, tugging at the halyard, managed to keep it in their possession.

A home town is a place where they always wonder how you got as far as you have.

When you go on leave, drive to arrive alive.

New \$14,500,000 Building 9-Story Model of Efficiency

The new Oak Knoll is a nine-story, 650-bed, 46-bassinet hospital with 452,800 square feet of floor space. It is fire-resistant, with a frame of reinforced concrete and walls of precast concrete panels.

The total cost—approximately \$14,500,000—covers planning, construction, contractor installed equipment, access roads, and sidewalks. Utilities, including central plant steam, are from existing sources. An alternate source of electricity is provided for use in emergencies.

The four lower floors contain all outpatient clinics and diagnostic and treatment facilities that serve both outpatients and inpatients, such as laboratory, X-ray, super-voltage cobalt therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, NPRL, and a new aural speech and rehabilitation center. On these floors also are the emergency clinic, surgeries, pharmacy, and central sterile supply.

The first four floors also contain the main lobby, administrative complex, admitting rooms, food preparation areas and dining rooms, medical records, data processing, conference rooms, classrooms, medical library, Navy Exchange snack bar, chapel, and Red Cross.

The five upper floors or "tower" contain all patient care units, including two intensive care units, one coronary care, the other surgical. The layout for these floors is similar. A service core rising through the center of the building contains elevators for carrying personnel, bulk supplies, linen, and automatic cart-handling equipment for carrying supplies from CSR and pneumatic tubes for transmitting information to and from nursing care units.

A typical patient care unit contains 38 beds. The maternity wing contains delivery suites and nurseries. On the top floor the Clinical Investigation Center adjoins the Medical Service, with which its research is closely associated. Except in the Neuropsychiatric Service, where group activities require more space, accommodations

are bedroom type, with 1, 2, or 4 beds. All patients' rooms have view windows looking out to the surrounding hills. Rooms for officer and enlisted patients are identical.

In the center of each wing all necessary facilities for the patients' well-being are located—the doctor's office and examining room, nurse's station, diet pantry, linen room, patients' toilets and baths, storage rooms for patients' personal effects, nursing supplies, and a solarium for visitors.

Air conditioning has been installed in the emergency clinic, CIC, nursery, X-ray, laboratory, and conference room. Oxygen and suction apparatus is built into surgical suites, recovery room, delivery rooms, and intensive care units.

A central dictating system, radio and audible paging systems are included. Conduits are provided for closed circuit television from operating rooms to clinical assembly for teaching purposes. Each bedroom has AM and FM radio system outlets and speakers. Remote control television with pillow speaker is provided at every bed.

A number of buildings now in use will continue to serve. These are the Chapel, Officers' Club (the original Oak Knoll Golf and Country Club), CPO and EM Clubs, Hospital Corps Quarters, BOQ, Community Service Building with its recently remodeled Navy Exchange store, the bowling center, swimming pool, power house, laundry, fire house, maintenance shops, and storage buildings.

Parking areas with 700 spaces for patient, staff, and visitors' cars and concrete walks connecting the new hospital with the old buildings are included in the landscaping plan.

An attractive new entrance off Keller Avenue will be added eventually.

Architects for the new building were Stone, Marracchini, Patterson, and Associates and Milton Pflueger, architect, of San Francisco.



Two ROICCs have shared the hard work—and sometimes the headaches. They are CDR John A. Wright, CEC, shown above as he took the Surgeon General on a tour in October 1966, and LCDR W. J. McCorkle, CEC, at right in the photo below. With him is Assistant ROICC LTJG Byrl Williams, CEC.

ROICC Duties Divided Between Two CEC Officers

The two men most intimately associated with the building project are the ROICCs—CDR John A. Wright and LCDR W. J. McCorkle, both of the Civil Engineer Corps.

Commander Wright reported aboard in April 1965 from a year's tour in Vietnam and Thailand.

From Platte, S.D., he has his BS degree in civil engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D.

Last September, when the building was 75 percent complete, Commander Wright was ordered back to Vietnam (he somehow made it here for the dedication!). He was relieved by Lieutenant Commander McCorkle, a native of Decatur, Ga., graduate in civil engineering from Georgia Tech. Since his arrival here he has served both as ROICC and Maintenance Officer. His assistant in the ROICC Office is LTJG Byrl Williams, CEC.

Military Surgeons Office for RADM Irons

Admiral Irons has been appointed Vice-President of the Northern California Chapter of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States for 1968.

Former Staffer Dies in Newport

Staff members were saddened to hear last week of the sudden death of LCDR George Baker, MSC, in Newport, R. I. LCDR Baker was Chief of Oak Knoll's Security Division from June 1964 to August 1965.

GI Home Loans Gilt-Edge Investment

Administrator of Veterans Affairs William J. Driver said today that the increase in Veterans Administration's maximum guarantee on G.I. Home Loans from \$7,500 to \$12,500 makes G.I. mortgages a "gilt-edge investment."



HMC Morris D. Nicholson completed his third tour of duty at Oak Knoll and transferred to the Fleet Reserve 2 July after nearly 20 years of active duty. The well-known chief, whose last duty was in the Neuropsychiatric Service, has obtained a position as detail man for a well-known drug company and will work out of Chico.



Meet the Castlemont Work-Study Group—with their school administrators, at left, Mr. Robert Smith, Principal, Castlemont Summer School; Mr. Ray Blom, Work-Study coordinator; and Dr. William Weichert, coordinator of Secondary Education for the Oakland Unified School District. At extreme right is Mr. Robert Hendricks, Work-Study and Youth Opportunity Campaign counselor.

Airport Lions Club Announces Change In Free Cab Service

The Oakland International Airport Lions Club is no longer providing free transportation to and from the Oakland International Airport for patients. However, the club will continue to provide Yellow Cab fare from the airport for parents and wives flying in to visit patients. Those concerned are urged to let their relatives know that on arrival at the airport they may contact Yellow Cab through the airport switchboard for transportation to the hospital.

WANTED: APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, CLASS OF 1973

Now is the time to apply for nomination to the Naval Academy, Class of 1973 (enters in June 1969). According to BUPERS NOTICE 1531, The Secretary of the Navy may appoint 85 enlisted men of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve to the Naval Academy each year. Applicants must be on active duty or must be members of a drilling unit of the Reserve. In order to be eligible for a Naval Reserve nomination, an applicant must be:

- A male citizen of the United States.
- Of good moral character.
- At least 17 and less than 22 years of age on July 1969.
- A high school graduate or equivalent by 1 July 1969.
- Unmarried and not previously married.
- Recommended by commanding officer.
- Possess a combined GCT-ART score of at least 120. No waivers may be granted.
- Be an enlisted member of the active or inactive Reserve by 1 July 1968.

Naval Reserve enlisted men, or applicants selected for enlistment, should submit their requests (NAVPERS 2451 [Rev. 3/63]) to commanding officers as early as practical, and no later than 1 October 1968.



JANGO Barbara Poer holds the 500 hour and 700 hour chevrons she earned for volunteer service.

Barbara Poer Earns Her 500, 700-Hour JANGO Chevrons

Seventeen-year-old Barbara Poer has two new chevrons to sew on the sleeve of her JANGO uniform—chevrons indicating completion of 500 and 700-hours of service to Oak Knoll.

"Hitting the 700-hour milestone while attending school is a real achievement, and we certainly appreciate the help you have given us," Admiral Irons told Barbara.

Only one other JANGO in Oak Knoll history has given more time to serving on the dependent wards than Barbara has since she was capped in May 1967.

Barbara was graduated 14 June from San Leandro High.

70 Local Youths Here for Summer Employment and Work Experience

Oak Knoll is providing opportunity for work experience for nearly 70 local young people this summer.

Twenty-six are employed full time under the government's Youth Opportunity Campaign. This is the second year the hospital has employed workers between 16 and 21 for the summer months under this program.

Forty-two boys and girls report to the hospital each afternoon as part of Castlemont High School's experimental Work-Study Summer School. The school program includes a pre-test, post-test procedure which will enable the administrators to measure each student's improvement in the area he is studying.

Maintenance has 10 students working in electric, machine, paint, plumbing, and carpenter shops. They are Andre Jackson, Marvin Jackson, James Slaton, Dino Smith, Nikki Thomas, Willie Toliver, Joe Wilbert, Vaughn West, Charles Wilkerson, and Robert Price.

Working in Special Services recreation areas are James Cummings, Willie Jones, Marvin Frazier, Tony Mui, Sam Poindexter, and Mike Smith.

Other departments and summer workers assigned are Fiscal and Supply: Ronald Nelson, Maurice Jackson, Timothy White, Fuguy Crawford; Navy Exchange: Lutricia Woodard, Mike Wilburn, Solomon Wilson, Jerome Simmons; Boiler Room: Dave Morris and Brian Smith. Maintenance, Outpatient Service, Special Services, Personnel and Patient Affairs have work-study program typists and filing clerks aboard, including Ma-



Robert Hendricks is serving as counselor for young people employed at Oak Knoll this summer under the Youth Opportunity Campaign, Castlemont High's Work-Study program and from the Civil Service summer register. He is available in the Civilian Personnel Office for counseling and will visit departments where youth are employed. His telephone extension is 223 or 224. During the school term Mr. Hendricks is head counselor at San Lorenzo High.

ria Espinosa, Diana Smith, Mary Verduco, Rosalie Pangelina, Bernice Johnson, Eva Nobles, Claudine Birden, Carol Chan, Norma Duffie, Phyllis Archibald, Ruby Magana, Bonnie Jiu, Claudia Pen-ton, Jan Simi, Charles Jones, and Gerald Wilcher.



Long gone but not forgotten are these Southern Carolina bells and boys who came in mid-June to entertain patients and staff. They are the Debutones and Astronotes, and they sang everything from "Exodus Song" to "Louisiana Hayride." In 1966 the Debutones sang in Paris, London, and other European capitals. They appeared at the New York World's Fair, never miss a Washington Cherry Blossom Festival, and came here fresh from the San Antonio, Tex., "Hemisfair." Mrs. Harold Cochran directs the teen-age singers.

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Friday, 26 July 1968



AT THE FESTIVITIES (1) CAPT R. A. Middleton, Director of Dental Intern Training, assisted Admiral Irons in presenting the certificates to his four dental graduates, including LT Robert J. Chapman. In (2) LT Robert H. Smart wields his own Marine sword at the cake-cutting, while classmates coached from the sidelines. (3) Among the happy families on graduation day were LT Lee A. Sheffer and wife Sue, with daughters Gina and Laura, and son Danny. (4) Here, clutching diplomas and programs are LT James McLamb, LT and Mrs. Frank E. Carroll, and LT and Mrs. William M. Burrows, Jr.

Oak Knoll Graduates Another Intern Class

Sixteen medical and four dental interns, resplendent in well-pressed whites, took their places in the auditorium of the Officers' Club Friday afternoon, 28 June.

For them the day culminated a year of hard work and signaled the beginning of new assignments.

"Life will never be dull or monotonous," RADM Thomas G. Hays, former CO now serving as Medical Director of the Western Area, American National Red Cross, told the doctors as he wished them complete fulfillment of their expectations for the future.

Admiral Hays chose "Medical Manpower in the Health Field" as his subject, emphasizing the ever-increasing need for personnel in health occupations. He spoke of the sophisticated times in which we live and the resulting demands on doctors, who are delegating more and more jobs to the paramedics, the physician's assistants, the nurses, and corpsmen.

Nearly 2½ million persons (3.3

percent of the total labor force in our country) are working in the health field today, Admiral Hays told the audience. In the future



RADM Thomas G. Hays, Guest Speaker, former CO, friend.

these figures will mount, as medical techniques such as tissue and organ transplants advance.

While recommending a career in Navy medicine, Doctor Hays delighted listeners with an incident to illustrate the fact that the medical profession is not for everyone. The intern in surgery at another large training hospital, asked his superior officer as the operation progressed: "How shall I tie this suture? Too loose or too tight?" "That," said the retired Navy surgeon, "was the last day in surgery for that officer."

LT Robert H. Smart, senior intern, spoke briefly for his class and reviewed its contributions of the past year.

Admiral Irons welcomed the guests aboard and expressed the command's appreciation of the interns' work. CAPT Theodore A. Lesney, DC, USN, 12ND Dental Officer, commented on the dental intern program briefly. CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer (Continued on page 3)

INFECTION SURVEILLANCE

LCDR Madsen Named To New Position

LCDR Gladys Madsen, NC, USN, has been appointed to fill an important new position at Oak Knoll, that of Infection Surveillance Nurse.

As a result of the growing number of infections, several hospitals in the area have infection surveillance nurses, and Miss Madsen has been observing their work in preparation for her own. With CDR A. N. King, Chief, Preventive Medicine, she recently attended a meeting at Stanford University Hospital, the first in the area to assign a nurse to this specialty. She spent last week at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Oakland, observing its infections control program. The information garnered during the week will be analyzed and modified to meet the needs of a military hospital.

In her new capacity, Miss Madsen will check admissions each morning and determine whether certain patients should be isolated. She will confer with doctors on ways of preventing patients from further infection and will teach proper isolation technique. She will work together with the Hospital Sanitation Officer and Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, in sampling the hospital environment, including surgical operating rooms, clinic areas, physical therapy, food service, pediatric and nursery areas, CSR, and other services or areas where infections or contamination may be considered of significance.

LCDR Madsen formerly served as Education Coordinator.

Three Staff Doctors Selected for Captain; 13 Make LCDR

Congratulations are in order for three well-known staff doctors who have been selected for captain's rank. They are CDRs R. H. Barrick, J. W. Hayes, J. F. Wurzel.

Also receiving congratulations are 12 new LCDRs—W. B. Echols, R. W. Smith, R. R. Skoglund, C. J. Hoffman, H. C. McClung, M. L. Lorber, P. J. Casper, F. D. Wilken, W. R. Applegate, A. J. Green, B. A. Bernstein, J. E. May, and D. B. Beebe.

ENS R. C. Zila, MSC, has been promoted to LTJG, as have ENS F. E. Neff, D. L. Mitchell, M. S. Bradford, and M. K. Oliver, NC.

Happy Birthday!
Hospital Corps Waves

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Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

RADM E. P. Irons, MC, USN, Commanding Officer.
CAPT David B. Rulon, MC, USN, Executive Officer.
CDR A. J. Schwab, MSC, Administrative Officer.
Editorial Adviser: Dorothy Thompson.

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"GOOD BYE"

I said good bye to a former shipmate of mine recently. He was leaving the hospital to go to Tennessee, where he will be in a Veteran's hospital. He has cancer that may take his life. After we had prayer together, and talked about the possibility of my visiting him in Tennessee later this summer or fall, he said, "If I don't see you at home there (Tennessee), I'll see you in the home over there, where the light is beyond the river." He has a firm faith in Christ as his Saviour. While loving life and youth (he is 28 years old), he is ready to meet God. As sure as the New Testament is true and that Jesus rose from the dead, I shall meet my friend. It was sad saying good bye, but I am glad that we both have the hope of meeting again.

Saying good bye in retiring from the Navy is similar to saying good bye to my friend whom I may not see again in this life. Emotion wells up when associations are recalled with so many people. I appreciate the contributions they have made to my life. They have provided counsel and encouragement. I have had many opportunities to serve Christ in the Navy. From 4 February 1943, when I entered the Navy as a Selective Volunteer (WW II expression for draftee), with the rate of Seaman Apprentice, to 31 July 1968, which will be my last day of active duty, the Navy and its people have helped me. God has been good to me and to my family. However, I shall not lose contact with service life. My wife Peggy and I have been employed as Associate Missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to Hong Kong, where we will work with a Christian Service Center. We will appreciate your prayers and a visit, should you be in the Far East. We hope to see you again.

As I say good bye, may I urge you to make all spiritual preparation for our meeting again—if not in this life, in the "land beyond the river." This I believe: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

CHAPLAIN HOMER L. SCHNICK
LCDR, CHC, USN

Is There a Poet in the House?

Aspiring poets have a chance to earn awards and recognition in the Armed Forces Writers League (AFWL) annual poetry competition.

The competition is open to all active duty personnel and their dependents without entry fee or obligation. General theme for the

contest is "The American Way of Life," and there are seven categories in which entries may be submitted.

Deadline for entries is 1 September. Complete information and entry forms may be obtained from: Armed Forces Writers League, George Washington Station, Alexandria, Va. 22305.



LT BREWER



LT BURNS



LT CAMPBELL



LT DAVIS



LT DORMAN



LT DOUGLAS



LT DUBLIN



LT ELLSWORTH



LT GRZENDA



LT HALEY



LT HEDGE



LT HERNANDEZ



LT MURPHY



LT NEWTON



LT PARLETTE



LT SCHANG



LT STEVENS



LT ARMOSKUS



LT BACON



LT BLANK



LT CARR



LT RUSSELL

17 Medical, 5 Dental Interns Are Well-launched on Knoll "Cruise"

Seventeen new medical and six dental interns have already completed nearly a month of the year they will spend at Oak Knoll. They represent medical and dental colleges from coast to coast.

Medical interns and their

schools are LTs Robert F. Brewer, University of Kentucky; Robert H. Burns, III, University of Pennsylvania; Corder C. Campbell, University of Washington; David D. Davis, Jr., George Washington University; Kenneth R. Dorman, University of Texas; Donald S. Douglas, University of Arkansas; Arthur B. Dublin, University of California; Robert M. Ellsworth, Dartmouth/Harvard; Stephen A. Grzenda, Tufts Medical College; John M. Haley, Southwestern Medical School; Gary L. Hedge, University of Iowa; Alfred J. Hernandez, Jr., University of Texas; Jack P. Murphy, Jr., Louisiana State University; Dennis E. Newton, III, University of Texas; Harry L. Parlette, III, Georgetown University; Steven J. Schang, Jr., University of Florida; and Larry P. Stevens, University of Utah.

Dental interns are LTs J. J. Armoskus, University of Pacific; W. H. Bacon, University of Oregon; L. W. Blank, University of California; A. R. Carr, University of Washington; J. T. Russell, University of Maryland.

Sixteen of the new interns are married, six are bachelors. In the latter category are LTs Brewer, Burns, Dublin, Hernandez, Armoskus, and Carr.



OR SCHOOL has trained another class of technicians and sent them on their way to new assignments. At left, back row, is HM3 C. V. Ruedy, the honor student, who was ordered to NH, Memphis. Other grads and their assignments are HM3 R. L. Hanner, NH, Camp Pendleton; HN D. J. Marofsky, Third MarDiv; HN G. R. Skaggs, First MarDiv; HM3 E. R. Martin, NH, Camp Pendleton; HN J. W. Visser, NH, Camp Pendleton; and HN M. L. Russell, who will remain at Oak Knoll. At right, standing, is HM1 Jeff Clark, instructor. Seated, left to right, are CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief, Surgical Service; LCDR Marie Pinto, instructor; Admiral Irons, CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief, Nursing Service; and CAPT Gale Clark, Neurological Surgery Service, who was the graduation speaker.

Scuttlebutt

DEDICATION FLASHBACKS: Oak Knoll's Medical Explorer Scouts directed traffic at the dedication ceremony. . . . HM2 Rickard of Photo Lab snapped away, not realizing until the ceremony was nearly over that he was attending THE event of the year sans neckerchief. . . . The much-sought missing programs were found—right there on an outside window sill—nearly two weeks after the dedication was over.

DID YOU KNOW that Security has 1096 vehicles registered by staff personnel? . . . That Chaplain Habiby, who goes in for allotments and collects only \$27 a pay-day, recently received his check—for \$272! Those machines are almost human. . . . And did you know that LT P. E. Cianci and LCDR Allen Stone transferred to USN this week?

YES, WE DO BELIEVE IN SIGNS: On an orthopedic patient's bed are the following:

"I may not be smart or good looking or rich, but I am available."

"Please answer me just one question—What the heck am I doing here?"

"I'm not always this miserable. Sometimes I'm even worse."

"I'm just an inexperienced little thing looking for an experience."

OAKNOLLUMNI: Chief Wickert, who as Chief in Charge of Disbursing was the welcome person who passed out the paychecks, is now living in Groton, Conn., where he has a position with the Electric Boat Co., a firm that builds nuclear submarines.

LIFE BEGAN 27 June for Charlotte-Anne Marie Harris, 4 lb. 15½ oz. daughter of LCDR Michael A. Harris of Neuropsychiatry and his wife Martha. . . . 30 June for Michael Brown, 8 lb. son of YN2 Michael Brown of Legal and wife Constance. . . . 5 July for Mary K. Graves, 4 lb. 1½ oz. daughter of HM2 Ronald Graves, NPRL student, and wife Linda. . . . 6 July for Keri Lynn Keadle, 5 lb. daughter of HM3 Robert Keadle of Pharmacy and wife Julie. . . . 15 July for Craig Jordan Campbell, 8 lb. 11½ oz. son of LT William H. Campbell of Ophthalmology and wife Kay. And at nearby San Leandro Memorial Hospital, Michael Kevin Clark, son of LT Duchesne P. Clark, USMC, arrived 17 July. The 6 lb. 13 oz. boy, first born of the Marine Liaison Officer, is doing nicely, as is his mother Shirley.



Here are the 1967-1968 Interns, looking fit for whatever the future may hold. In the front row are LTs Smart, Shetterly, Mason, Horton, and Graves; second row: LTs Routenberg, Nielsen, Lohner, Nelson, and Jack; third row: LTs McLamb, Walsh, Carroll, Sheffer, and Lorenzen; fourth row: LTs Burrows, Smith, Chapman, Candy, and McAlary.

Interns Ordered To Assignments Far and Near

(Continued from page 1)
introduced Admiral Hays.

CAPT Henry E. Austin and LCDR Paul J. Durkin, delivered the invocation and benediction.

Four of the interns were ordered to the Navy School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Fla. They are LTs W. M. Burrows, Jr., Paul C. Lorenzen, LT Brian G. McAlary, and James N. McLamb.

Going to New London, Conn., for Submarine Medicine School are LT Frank E. Carroll and Jack F. Mason, the latter after six months here as a general medical officer.

LT Douglas L. Horton and LT John A. Routenberg are at NH, Bethesda for residency training in internal medicine, LT David G. Nielsen for a residency in ophthalmology, LT Thomas Lohner went to NH, Portsmouth, for residency training in pediatrics.

LT Lee A. Sheffer remains at Oak Knoll for residency training in anesthesiology, and LT Robert H. Smart for his residency training in urology.

LT Lawrence F. Nelson was ordered to NH, Yokosuka, Japan, LT Roger D. Shetterly to Naval Support Activity, Danang; and LT David G. Walsh to Destroyer Squadron 15 at San Diego.

LT Jon W. Candy returned to civilian life, looking forward to an OB-GYN residency at University of Michigan.

Dental interns will be even more widely scattered. LT Robert J. Chapman is with the Naval Communications Station, Northwest Cape, Australia. LT Robert W. Jack is assigned to the Dental Clinic at Yokosuka, Japan. LT Thomas C. Graves is aboard the aircraft carrier USS RANGER, and LT Gary L. Smith is solving dental problems for the crew of USS TANNER, an oceanographic survey ship based at Pearl Harbor.

You are eligible to purchase Freedom Shares, which earn interest at the rate of 4.74 percent if held to maturity of 4½ years, if you enroll in the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank for the regular purchase of Savings Bonds.



To CAPT HENRY A. SPARKS, Chief of the Medical Service, the interns bestowed the highest honor in their power to give—the Intern Plaque presented each year to the service whose teaching program they judge best. Here LT James McLamb and Captain Sparks pose with the plaque before hanging it on the door of the Medical-Surgical Conference Room.

CDR J. W. Hayes of Pediatrics was named outstanding staff teacher; LT C. W. Shaeffer, Medical Service, the outstanding senior resident and LCDR T. E. Corley, Urology, the outstanding junior resident.

Other awards, presented at the interns' party, went to LT Sharolyn Walcutt, who received the plaque for outstanding nurse. Named as runners-up for this honor were Clinical Nurse Supervisor GS8 Martha Grabinsky and LCDR Joan Silvestri.



NEWLY-TRAINED UROLOGY TECHNICIANS received certificates on completion of their 26-week course of instruction. Cutting a cake to celebrate were, at left, HM1 William Anders, senior corpsman; at right, LCDR Frank J. Kleeman, Assistant Chief, Urology Service, and the honored grads: HM3 Gary E. Ullrich, HM3 Steven E. Anderson, and HN Diana Jacobson. HN Jacobson remains at Oak Knoll. Ullrich was ordered to Naval Hospital, San Diego, and Anderson to Naval Hospital, Memphis.

Know Your Staff



HMCM Robert Scott

This Oaklander Has Been Around

"Master Chief of the Command" is the title over HMCM Robert L. Scott's office in the new building's administrative complex, but currently he occupies a topside office in the Ad Building and is known as Enlisted Assistant to the AO. An expert on Navy, BuMed, and Hospital Regulations, he served in the same capacity at NH, Yokosuka, where his first CO was Admiral Irons.

Lanky Chief Scott is a native Oaklander, veteran of 26 years in the Navy, a bowler, golfer, and grandfather, at Oak Knoll for his fourth tour of duty.

His only ship was the USS HAVEN, anchored off Long Beach, but he has traveled far since boot and corps school days at San Diego—to Tripler Army Hospital, Hawaii; NH, Guam, to Hawaii to serve on the staff of COMSERVPAC. He was detail corpsman for EPDO-PAC. He is a graduate of the Navy's Pharmacy School and the Navy School of Hospital Administration at Bethesda.

His most unique assignment is the one he would most like to forget. As a young corpsman he participated in fleet salvage operations at Pearl Harbor—a task that included removing the dead from the sunken battleships USS OKLAHOMA, ARIZONA, and UTAH.

Chief Scott's wife Blanche was a Corps WAVE at Treasure Island when they met. They have two daughters, Mrs. Donna Lee of Sherman Oaks, Calif. (where their five-month-old granddaughter Allison Deborah also lives) and Deborah, who is a ward clerk on Ward 72-A.

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On his way out of the lecture the professor asked if anyone had seen his hat.

"You're wearing it, sir," a student replied.

"Thank you," said the professor. "If you hadn't seen it, I'd have gone home without it."

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All work and no jack makes play a dull joy.

SIDELINE SCENES

Varsity Golfers Win B League Championship

By Ron Brown

The Oak Knoll Varsity Golf Team, sporting an impressive 7-7 record, walked off with the 12ND B League championship for the 1968 season.

Members of the team, captained by LCDR Tom Carson, Chief of Dermatology, were LCDR Joe Gregonis of the Laboratory Service; LCDR R. K. Middlekauff, Chief, Otorhinolaryngology; LT Larry Nelson, Laboratory Service; ENS Bill Lekvold, Chief of Special Services; HMCS James Bull of Staff Personnel; EM1 Tom Taylor of Public Works; and HM2 Peter Phillips of Laboratory.

All are entered in the 12ND Tournament being held at NAS, Moffett Field, this week and next Monday and Tuesday. The top five winners in the tournament will advance to the Pacific Coast (All-Navy) Golf Championships to be held at Naval Station, San Diego, 13-16 August.

Starting with the team early in the season but not finishing because of transfers were LCDR S. E. Howerly of ENT and Murray of Fiscal and Supply.

Lab/CSR and Dental/Surgery Will Tangle on Softball Field 30 July

With the first round completed, and with Physical Medicine going undefeated with a 6-0 record, the league has been extended to a second round, which started 17 July.

The second round started with PT continuing its winning ways with an 8-5 victory over Medicine; and Dental Surgery combined efforts to defeat Project 49, winless in the first round, by a score of 18-6.

Next week's games will find Lab/CSR tangling with Dental Surgery Tuesday, 30 July, and ENT/Pharmacy/Disbursing meeting Project 49 Thursday, 1 August.

Final Standings in the 1st Round:

	Won	Lost
1. Physical Medicine	6	0
2. ENT/PHCY/DISB	5	1
3. LAB/CSR	4	2

Doctor Pascoe Brings Home Medal From Masters Track & Field Meet

CAPT. D. J. Pascoe is a man of many talents.

A little-known one came to the fore last weekend at San Diego's



Captain Pascoe, the prize-winning athlete, with bronze medal

Balboa Stadium, where he earned a third place bronze medal in the U.S. Masters Track and Field Championships for men over 40.

More than 300 athletes participated in 17 events. Oak Knoll's genial Chief of Pediatrics placed third in the triple jump (hop, step, and jump). He placed seventh in the 880 (clocked at 2:30). He was third in his heat in the 220 (time 27.4).

"Not too bad for a fellow who got out of a cast a month ago," said Doctor Pascoe, who injured his ankle during his daily jog on the track at Bishop O'Dowd High School and had to forego training for nearly three weeks.

Doctor Pascoe, 44, lettered in track during his college days at Pomona and Occidental.

The San Diego meet will be written up in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, and of course it made headlines in THE SAN DIEGO UNION sports pages.

"The only thing about it I didn't like was that headline," said the Oak Knoll athlete, pointing to the large type that read "Old-Timers Meet Begins Tonight."

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Of the 25.8 million living veterans, 1.8 million receive disability compensation and 1.18 million receive pension for nonservice disabilities.

HM2 Epling Reenlists For Another Six

HM2 John D. Epling of Physical Evaluation Board on 2 July signed on the dotted line for another six years.

Epling, who calls Jeffrey, West Virginia, home entered the service in February 1959 not long after he graduated from Scott High School in Madison, West Virginia. The good-looking HM2 is married, and he and his wife Carol have two children—Cammy, 4, Rebecca, 2.



LATEST LAB GRADS and those present to congratulate them were, front row, from left, HM2 Clifford Ertelt, HM3 Larry Nelson, HN Dee J. Hess, and HM3 Larry Spellman; second row, CDR Melvin Borowsky, Chief, Laboratory Service; CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer; HM1 James Duranceau, instructor; HM2 Don Elam; HM2 Peter Phillips, HM3 James Graves, and LT P. J. W. Vogt, second year pathology resident. HM3 Nelson is now attached to staff; HM2 Phillips was ordered to Dispensary duty in Panama City, Fla. Other graduates were assigned to Navy Hospital, San Diego.

Tours Scheduled 31 August for Staffers and Families

Officer, enlisted, and civilian staff members and their families are invited to tour the new hospital Saturday, 31 August, between 1300 and 1700. Enlisted personnel will serve as tour guides, and a member of each department will be aboard to point out special features. Open house for the community will be held during the same hours Sunday, 1 September. All hands are asked to spread this word to their friends and neighbors. LTJG R. H. Roberston, Jr., is in charge of tours.

The move into the new building will begin Tuesday, 2 September, and continue through 14 September, in accordance with Hospital Notice H1112 of 7 August. LCDR J. R. Mulvey, MSC, USN, has been appointed Command Movement Coordinator.

Staff members are urged to be alert for further announcements concerning the move.



A Well Done for CDR A. J. Schwab, MSC, USN, from Admiral Irons.

CDR Schwab Departs for Bethesda

CDR A. J. Schwab, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer for the past three years, has departed for his new assignment as AO of Naval Hospital Bethesda. Medical Officers as well as MSC Officers in the 12ND as well as those at Oak Knoll feted him and his wife Gen at social events, attesting to the high regard in which he was held by all his associates. Admiral Irons commended him for "exemplary performance of duty," taking special note of the "optimal support" Commander Schwab gave in the daily planning and decision-making concerning the new hospital.

"Your excellent educational background and professional experience in hospital administration enabled you to coordinate the many facets of this project while administering the complex and diverse administrative functions of a large Naval hospital," the commendation read in part.

The Schwabs' departure unfortunately

was delayed two weeks when Mrs. Schwab and their 19-year-old daughter Lynne were involved in an automobile accident a few hours before they were to leave. Lynne was unhurt, but Mrs. Schwab suffered multiple lacerations and contusions and required hospitalization. Nine-year-old Sheryl was safe at home with her father. All four departed by plane yesterday for Bethesda.

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Coming Labor Day—Watsonville Band

The Watsonville Band, a 60-piece marching band, will play on the Orthopedic ramp the afternoon of Labor Day, Monday, 2 September. High-stepping majorettes and small combos will go into the wards to entertain bed patients.

The band will stop here, as it did last year, en route home from appearances at the Sacramento State Fair.

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CDR R. V. L'Italien Reports From Memphis to Serve as AO

CDR Robert V. L'Italien, a Massachusetts-born "mustang" with 23 years' Naval Service, is rapidly becoming oriented to his new assignment as Administrative Officer. He reported 17 July from NH, Memphis, where he served as AO on the staff of CAPT Dean Schufeldt, former Oak Knoll XO.

With a Master's Degree in business administration and health care administration from George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and wide experience in Navy administration, he is eminently qualified for his key post at this command.

From the time he left college at Cherry Meadows, Framingham, Mass., to join the Navy 20 October 1945, the new AO has advanced steadily through the rates and ranks. Early in his career he became a Dental Technician and in that capacity served at Naval Station, Seattle; aboard USS AJAX (AR-5); at the Dental Clinic, Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C.; and in the Dental Division of BuMed.

He was a DT1 on the staff of the Naval Dental School when promoted to ensign in the Medical Service Corps in 1951.

Since his commissioning, Commander L'Italien has served at the Naval Examining Center, Great Lakes; as Assistant AO, Naval Dental School; AO of the Naval Dental Clinic, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; AO at NDS; and was a student at the Naval School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda.

Upon completion of his year of out-service graduate education at George Washington and another year as administrative resident at NH, Philadelphia in 1964, he became Chief of the Personnel Division at NH, Great Lakes.

He is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Way back in 1946, while on duty in the personnel office at NH, Corona, the Commander, then a lowly HA1/C, assigned a young WAVE PhM2 from Marysville, Calif., to night duty—very much against her wishes.



CDR R. V. L'Italien, MSC, USN

"And that," said Commander L'Italien, "is how I met my wife, Dorothy Elaine. We are both delighted to be back in her native state, as are our daughters, Laura Anne, 19, and Cheryl, 15."

A Great Idea To Solve Interim Parking Problem!

From: A staff member
To: XO
Subj: Interim Parking Problem—A Proposal

1. Peripheral parking.
2. Substitute jogging groups for bus service.
3. Publish straggler list monthly.

The basic package 1 to 3 provides countless variations. End result:

Minimal automobile congestion!

Maximum physical fitness!

Signed,
Road Runner
"Beep Beep"

The XO found the above memo on his desk Wednesday morning and is giving it earnest consideration.



A SAYONARA PARTY at the O' Club on 7 August honored CDR Romaine Mentzer, Chief of the Nursing Service, and her relief, CAPT Phyllis Harrington, who had just reported from NH, Chelsea, Mass. Commander Mentzer, who departed Monday on a month's leave, will be a four-striper before she reports to her new assignment at NH, Yokosuka, Japan. She and Captain Harrington were selected at the same time, but the important piece of mail authorizing her promotion apparently was delayed en route.

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION — A DIALOGUE

Dr. Reul Howe begins his now famous book, "The Miracle of Dialogue," by stating:

"Every man is a potential adversary, even those we love. Only through dialogue are we saved from this enmity toward one another. Dialogue is to love, what blood is to the body."

In this age of "instant response," whether militarily in terms of our technological advances, such as the miracle of helicopter medical evacuation out of the field of battle moments after being wounded; the dialing of long distance over thousands of miles; the switching on of radio and television to hear programs transmitted by satellite orbiting the earth, most of us are trying to communicate with someone—that is "get into significant touch with" someone. On the other hand we also have to some degree been baffled by the failure of our sincere attempts, a failure that tends to cool our enthusiasm and dim our optimism.

It was the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah who pleaded—"Ah, Lord, behold I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." Jeremiah here echoes our own uncertainties and fears. Like the ancient sage, we are also clutched by a spirit of timidity which in many instances threatens to choke our creativity. This timidity makes it easy for us to evade our responsibility to communicate and avoid such confrontations that will bring us into significant touch with those around us. The Christian—indeed all of us—must face up to the importance of communication, for this can mean life or death.

In an era of human history that puts so much stress on mass communication and further uses it on such a colossal scale, it is imperative that we heed the warning coming out of Vance Packard's book, "The Hidden Persuaders." Mr. Packard describes how man becomes the victim of communication rather than communication being a means by which he finds himself in relation with other men in a community of mutual criticism and helpfulness.

Dr. Howe articulates this very essence of communication when he concludes that "the fruit of dialogue is the reunion of man with himself, with others, and with God who is the source and revealer of all truth, and whose spirit is free to guide when men open themselves to Him by turning honestly to one another." With the psalmist we should be able to say: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

—LT SAMIR JAMIL HABIBY, CHC, USNR



Captain Rulon with award winners Ruby Holoman, Geneva Tuggles, Lillie Bishop, Katie Tanner, Jane Boehme, Anne Flack and Charles Foreman.

Civilian Staff Members Receive Recognition for Work Well Done

Geneva Tuggles, laborer cleaner in the Nursing Service has received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in recognition of cumulative results of her consistent outstanding service. Captain Rulon commended her for her excellent knowledge of work methods, intense interest, and pride in her work.

Other awards presented at the Acting CO's July meeting with civilian supervisors were the quality salary increases that went to Jane Boehme, Ruby Holoman, Lillie

Bishop, Anne Flack, and Aubrey Scheid. Cash awards for sustained superior performance were granted to Thelma George, Lela Mattos, and Katie Tanner.

Albert "Brownie" Brownlow received a \$50 Beneficial Suggestion Award for his idea for a special cart to move items to the new hospital and \$15 for suggesting a time-saving wrench to assemble new bedside lockers. Charles Foreman earned \$15 in recognition of \$250 savings to the Government for a plan involving steam and condensate piping to the new building.



FICTION

One More River to Cross by Will Henry

Ison Dart, born a slave, was freed by his master to seek a better life. Assuming the name of Ned Huddleston, he started his search. Cursed in Texas, hated by the Comanches, betrayed by a woman in Mexico, he thought he found refuge in Brown's Hole, Colorado, a sinister last stop for condemned outlaws. His trust nearly cost him his life. A white man raised him from the near dead, gave him new life, new pride.

Ison Dart, legend says, sprang full blown from the dust of the destroyed Ned Huddleston. This story, built around the legend, tells of his struggle.

Testimony of Two Men by Taylor Caldwell

An embattled young doctor, an angry and divided Pennsylvania town, a turn of the century national scandal; from these come Taylor Caldwell's first major novel in a decade. A novel of love, death, redemption and the rise of modern medicine against nineteenth century opposition. **Testimony of Two Men** is the story of a physician hounded by a tragic past and a threatened present, an enigma neither known nor understood by friend or enemy. Through Miss Caldwell's eyes we see compassion and cynicism that culminate in one of her most accomplished and memorable works of fiction.

The Year of the Horsetails by R. F. Tapsell

Set in the vast Eurasian steppes during the ages of Attila the Hun and Ghengis Khan, **The Year of the Horsetails** follows the resistance of the peaceful inhabitants of a fertile plain to the predatory horsemen who invade and overrun their land. During the single year of resistance all aspects of primitive warfare, ambushes, cavalry charges, sieges, forced marches and the final hand-to-hand confrontation of two leaders are described by a born storyteller with the immediacy of a war dispatch.

NON-FICTION

Iberia by James A. Michener

Iberia is a leisurely, anecdotal trip through Spain, past and present. James A. Michener shares with his readers his adventures in Spain, starting with his first trip in 1932. A partial catalog of subjects would include the government, the Church, architecture, painting, literature, sports and food. Just as important as the subjects are the many people who become characters who help make this a charming and readable narrative of Spain.

Recent additions to the Reference Collection:

Statesman's Yearbook, 1967-68 R305 S
World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1968 R317 W
Reader's Digest Almanac, 1968 R317 R
College Placement Annual, 1968 R371.4 C



Oak Knoll's new Position Classification Specialist.

Classifying Jobs Of Others is Job For Mr. Robarge

Woodrow Robarge has classified positions at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.; the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; and at the Presidio of San Francisco. On 8 July, "glad to be back with the Navy," he reported for duty as Position Classification Specialist at Oak Knoll.

Mr. Robarge brings to his new assignment, which includes employee development, the benefits of 25 years' experience with the Federal Government.

The genial job classifier is a native of Massachusetts. His alma mater is Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. He started his civilian government career by working for the Secretary of the Army—as that dignitary's personal messenger!

During World War II, as an enlisted army man, Mr. Robarge served with the Office of Strategic Services, where his artistic talent was put to good use in developing propaganda. He also served as a member of General Donovan's underwater demolition team.

At Walter Reed he was involved in producing some of the first closed circuit educational television programs for the hospital's training program.

Mr. Robarge commutes to Oak Knoll from his home in Novato, where he gardens, paints portraits, and enjoys the activities of the North Bay Artists' Association, as well as the activities of his family. His wife Blanche is a graduate of Bowman-Gray School of Nursing, Winston-Salem, N. C.

"It's easy for us to remember which months have 30 days," Mr. Robarge volunteered. "We were married in September, and our children—Marc, 15, Renee, 13, and Denise, 7—arrived in April, June, and November."

Electronics One-Seven Harry Mileaf, Ed. in Chief, c1967 R621.38 N
Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers Theodore Baumeister, ed., c1967 R621 B

Participation In Civil Disorders Will Lead to Firing

From now on, all Federal civilian employees convicted of felonious participation in riots and civil disorders will be fired, according to the new Section 7313 of Public Law 90-351. Anyone so convicted who is not a Federal employee, will be ineligible for a job in either the United States or the District of Columbia government for five years following the date on which his conviction becomes final.

Convictions shall be for starting, organizing, promoting, encouraging or participating in riots or civil disorders, helping others to commit these offenses; or for any act determined by the head of the employing agency to have been committed while participating in a riot or disorder.

Scuttlebutt

WEDDING BELLS WILL RING. in the Oak Knoll Chapel 31 August at 1900 when HM1 Richard Ferreira of Fiscal and Supply claims HN Noralena Hearn of 65B as his bride. HN Kathy Pare will be maid of honor, and Adelbert Ferreira of South San Francisco will serve his brother as best man. Chaplain Kaelberer will officiate. The happy bride and groom-to-be wish to invite all hands to the ceremony and the reception, which will be held in the CPO Club.

NAME OF THE WEEK: L'italien. It's French for 'The Italian.' Dates back to about 1600 when some noblemen were kicked out of Italy for some reason or other. They sailed to America, colonized the banks of the St. Lawrence, married French Canadian girls, and henceforth were pointed to as 'L'italien.' "And so," claims our new AO, "I'm about 1/256 part royal blood."

WHEN HMCM James Bull spoke to an FRA group in Vallejo recently, the Vallejo Times-Herald gave him some good advance publicity. Said the article: GMCM Delbert D. Black, USN, will discuss "Medicare."

LIFE BEGAN 22 July for Alec William Dinner, 7 lb. 9 oz. son of LT Bruce J. Dinner, DC, USNR, and wife Marie.

AND MEANWHILE, BACK AT NH, MEMPHIS, former Oak Knoll AAO Ron Aldrich became the father of a baby girl and was promoted to LT all in the same week. The baby, who has been named Kimberly McAboy, weighed 5 lb. 8 oz. on arrival 15 August, and she and her mother, Bobbi, are both doing nicely, the exuberant father reports.

HELP!

When Cheryl Dart departed 29 June to become a full-time homemaker, the OAK LEAF was suddenly left short-handed. Until a suitable replacement can be found, help is badly needed. If you would like to write a feature about your department or just turn in a small item for Scuttlebutt, please call Miss Thompson at Ext. 203. Black and white snapshots of hospital people and events can also be used to supplement those taken by HM2 D. E. Rickard and his Medical Photo Lab staff.



Almost recognizable aboard the USS CASTAWAY, built by HN Pat Muse, are HM3 Rose Morganti, PNC Patricia Baron, and HM2 Sue Wingrove. At right, admiring the birthday cake is DN Jeanette Herring.

Good Time Had by All at WAVE 26th Anniversary Party

On July 27 Oak Knoll's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, known and loved by all as WAVES, celebrated their 26th Anniversary with a shipwreck party at the CPO Club.

Clever invitations, made by the girls, foretold the fun to come. Decorations delighted all comers; the food was delicious; and the presentation of Annual WAVE Awards—a first in Naval history—resulted in much merriment.

"The Purple Heart" for wounds received in action at WAVE Quarters was presented to HM1 Mary

Donahue. "The Red Badge of Courage" for taking over Mary's job went to HM2 Hilda Tapia. HN Charlene Metrano walked off with the "Most Serious" award, and HN Doris Whitehead was named "Most Likely to Ship Over." Other awards were as follows: "Most Gung-ho"—HN Mary Bultman; "Most Unsquared Away"—HM2 Sue Wingrove; "Shortest Hair"—HM2 Ernabeth Theodores; "No Detail on Field Day"—HN Josie Martin; and "Most Likely to Talk Your Ear Off"—HN Linda Childs.

HA Bonnie Malloy A Top Student at HCS

A special letter from CAPT Rita Lenihan, Director of Waves, arrived this week, announcing to all concerned the happy fact that HA Bonnie Malloy of 40B was first runner up to the honor student in her class (No. 6807) at Hospital Corps School, Greak Lakes, Ill.

Bonnie had an average grade of 96.3. Furthermore six of the top ten in the class of 61 students were WAVES.

Bonnie, whose home is in Pottstown, Pa., had one and a half years of nurses training before she entered the Navy.



FOUR CORPSMEN have re-enlisted in recent weeks; two retired after 20 years' service; and one received his first Good Conduct Medal. In the upper photo HM2 Orvil A. Kirk of PMT School observes as CAPT D. B. Rulon administers the re-enlistment oath to HMCS William D. Carlin of Staff Pers, HMCS Charles Axworthy of Security; and HMC Art Clarke of Operating Services. Below, left, HMC (SS) Elbert H. Collins of Food Service gives his farewell salute before heading home to Portland with his family. The center photo shows HM1 Robert Bristol of Security with sideboys as he was piped ashore. Bristol will continue to work for Navy Exchange as manager of the EM Club. At right, Admiral Irons presents HM2 Clark D. Ferrell of Laboratory Service his first Good Conduct Medal.



HM2s John Grillot and Mike Nickolson of Pharmacy, undaunted by the 31 July power outage, continued their work with the aid of a Coleman lantern. They filled a total of 544 prescriptions during the "blackout."

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Over 300,000 Vietnam veterans have returned to civilian status.

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One-stop service for veterans is now available in 10 U.S. cities.



THREE RECENT GRADS from X-Ray Tech School have checked out for new assignments. They are, from left, HM2s Dennis J. Hoffarth, who was assigned to the First Marine Division for service in Vietnam; Sidney M. Truelove, Jr., who was ordered to Naval Station, Treasure Island; and Sam Mullins, who was assigned to the Navy Medical Research Institute, Bethesda. Pictured with the grads are CDR R. J. Robl, HMC Richard Hinds, and HMC Daniel MacCaine, who shared responsibility for their training.

National Association For Service Retirees

An organization of retired armed forces personnel has been founded under the name "National Association of Armed Forces Retirees" to promote the interests and welfare of retired military personnel. The Charter for the organization was presented to the Association by Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, in a special ceremony in Charleston, S. C., on 31 May 1968.

Eligible for membership are persons who have served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States who are receiving retired/retainer pay based on length of active duty service and those still on active duty who will become eligible for retired/retainer pay within two years.

Interested persons may obtain more information by writing the Association at P. O. Box 5327, North Charleston, S.C. 29406.

Sideline Scenes

Three-Way Tie In Intramural Softball League

—By Ron Brown

With the second round of intramural softball play almost at the halfway mark, three teams are tied for first place. They are PT, Lab/CSR, and ENT/Pharmacy. Each team has won two games and lost none.

PT has an 8-5 win over Medicine and a 23-4 whitewash of Project 49 to its credit. Lab/CSR shut out Project 49 by a score of 8-0 and won over Dental/Surgery 6-2.

ENT/Pharmacy holds a 17-3 win over Project 49 and a 13-1 shellacking over Medicine.

PT and ENT/Pharmacy played yesterday too late to make the OAK LEAF. Other crucial games will be played next Tuesday, when Lab/CSR battles it out with ENT/Pharmacy and on 28 August when Lab/CSR and PT play the game that could decide the winner in the second half.

The winner of the first round—Physical Therapy—will face the second-round victor in a game to decide the station championship. The two teams involved will choose the date.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE the three patients pictured here, from left, SGT Alex Bubinski, USMC; CS Kyle Gibson, USN; and CPL Robert W. Augenstein, USMC, do not know (or will not tell) the name of the pretty airline stewardess who came to take them to see the Giants play at Candlestick? Or even which airline she flies.

Four More Three-Day Weekends, Come 1971

Beginning in 1971, four commemorative holidays will be observed on Monday under a bill recently signed by President Johnson. Three of the present national holidays will be celebrated on Monday: Washington's Birthday on the third Monday of February; Memorial Day the last Monday in

May; Veterans Day the fourth Monday in October. The bill also establishes Columbus Day as a Federal holiday to be celebrated the second Monday in October. Labor Day has traditionally been celebrated the first Monday in September.

A man around the house — what's he worth?

A man's home may be his castle, but it's also his workshop, office, greenhouse and garage. According to a Chase Manhattan Bank survey, today's typical spouse must be a specialist in at least a dozen job areas in order to keep his brood and board running smoothly. That's in addition to bringing home the bacon.

Wives generally agree that it's nice to have a man around the house, but bank economists consider "nice" a drastic understatement. Out of 39 hours of "leisure" per week (left after deducting time for job, sleeping, eating, etc.) the average man spends 24 hours—the equivalent of one full day—on household chores.

Based on a tally of hubby's various chores—from bartending to balancing checkbooks—times the number of hours a week spent on each, times the going rate of pay in today's labor market, economists concluded it would cost \$51.01 a week to have the same services otherwise rendered.

Job	Hours Per Week*	Rate Per Hour	Value Per Week
Lawn Mower, Leaf Raker & Agricultural Worker	3½	\$1.55	\$ 5.43
Night Watchman (checking locks, opening or closing windows, etc., before retiring)	1¼	1.96	2.45
Garbage Man	¾	2.77	2.08
Chauffeur and Car Washer	4	2.20	8.80
Accountant (specializing in income tax returns and checkbook balancing)	1	3.00	3.00
General Handyman (including furniture moving and window washing)	1½	1.80	2.70
Fashion Consultant	½	2.00	1.00
Bartender	1	2.01 (w/tips)	2.01
Chef (specializing in cookouts, barbecues & late evening snacks)	2½	1.81	4.53
Youth Counsellor & Coach	2	4.00	8.00
Maintenance Man (including plumbing, electrical, carpentry & masonry repairs—plus painting and wall papering)	3½	2.25	7.88
Assistant Shopper	2½	1.25	3.13
Total	24		\$51.01

Husbands about to arm themselves with this statistical weapon should beware, however. Another survey by the bank's economists values a wife's sundry chores at \$159.39 per week. Should your wife get wind of this one, she might demand a credit of \$108.38 toward purchase of a new mink coat.

—GPM Guide

We plan what we wear with meticulous care,
Making fashion a science and art.
Such care we should give to our planning to live—
For in bandages no one looks smart.



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Clinics and Offices Move; Inpatients Still to Come

While the task of moving patients into the new building awaits completion and final inspection of systems such as fire protection and elevators, the outpatient clinics are functioning at full speed. Administrative divisions, laboratories, X-ray, and most other departments are settled in their new spaces. Food Service is serving large crowds in the new dining room.

Nearly 400 staff members and their families toured the hospital during the open house Saturday, 31 August, and the following day approximately 800 Bay Area residents were guided through the new facility. Others watched the tours on television.

Guides who conducted tours at the 29 June dedication served again, obviously taking pride and pleasure in the task.

LTJG R. H. Robertson, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, was in charge. His guides were HM1s Clark, Tinkham, Landers, Dawson, Pleskoff, and Mizer; HM2s Graves, Lussenden, Wingrove, Epling, Brack, Hebert, and Cahoon, DT3 Smith, DN Spengler, HNs Ownby, Johnson, Brock, Sumicik, Osborne, and On.

Well Done!

To all who shared the responsibility for the move from the old building into the new, my sincere thanks and "Well Done." The overall task was gigantic; the burdens were heavy. Many hands worked around the clock to see that the transfer was accomplished efficiently.

Your cheerful devotion to duty reflects your pride in the new hospital and assures me that no task we may face together in the future will be too great.

E. P. Irons
Rear Admiral, MC, USN
Commanding Officer

Combined Federal Campaign Is On; All Hands Participation Urged

The Annual Combined Federal Campaign got underway at Oak Knoll Tuesday and will continue through 31 October, with CDR J. C. Boudreaux, MSC, as chairman. Assisting him are LT J. A. Massey, MSC; LTJG R. H. Robertson, Jr., MSC; HMCMs J. W. Bull and R. L. Scott, and Woodrow Robarge, civilian representative.

The Combined Campaign, conducted in military establishments in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties is expected to raise a total of \$915,000 or more during the coming weeks. Although Admiral Irons and the committee he has named to conduct the drive have set no dollar goals for Oak Knoll, they do urge 100 per cent participation.

Payroll deductions are the painless way of contributing to this drive, which embraces many worthy causes, and all hands are urged to avail themselves of this convenience. A little bit each month adds up to a generous gift in a year's time. It will never be missed by the donor and can mean a great deal to a person who needs help.

The three-way drive, sponsored by the San Francisco Federal Executive Board, is a joint effort conducted simultaneously in all Federal civilian and military establishments in the area.

- It supports the United Bay Area Crusade, which includes 176 agencies that make the community a better place to live and work, a happier place for the young, the old, the ill, and the underprivileged.

- It supports chapters of 13 national health agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, the Arthritis Foundation, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, to name but a few.

- The CFC also supports four organizations dedicated to relieving human misery abroad: Project Hope, the hospital ship and medical training center that serves various parts of the world; CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere); American-Korean Foundation; and Planned Parenthood—World Population.



Captain Harrington

Captain Harrington Is NCR's First Four-Striper

Not only is CAPT Phyllis Harrington the first four-striper to serve as Chief Nurse at Oak Knoll; she is also the first Nurse Corps Reservist ever to attain captain's rank.

The slim, soft-spoken, gray-haired, blue-eyed captain from Fall River, Mass., had, in fact, expected to retire 30 June of this year when a selection board met in May and suddenly changed her plans.

Captain Harrington received her RN at Union Hospital School of Nursing in Fall River and her BS in education with a nursing major from the University of Pennsylvania.

She joined the Navy originally in 1943. During three years of active duty in World War II, Oak Knoll's new Chief Nurse served aboard the hospital ship, USS REPOSE.

"As base hospital for the Seventh Fleet we spent a year in (Continued on Page 2)

KEYMAN



HMC Roger W. Schalk of the Hospital Liaison Office is, you might say, the key member of the staff in the new hospital. While others admire the terrazzo tile, count the coins in the fountain, or rearrange their office furniture, the chief sorts and labels literally thousands of keys. Each key is numbered to correspond with a four-digit number on a door frame. Chief Schalk goes through the floor plans, matching keys to doors, and labels each key for issue to the appropriate office. For a change of pace he labels keys to officers' postoffice boxes or to the towel and soap dispensers.

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DOES GOD EXIST?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (UPI) — An overwhelming majority of the American people believe in God, but there has been a measurable decline in faith during the last 14 years. That is the import of a recent nationwide public opinion survey conducted by Dr. George Gallup. The findings, when published, were compared with an identical study made in 1952.

In the new survey, 97 per cent of the people interviewed expressed some degree of belief in God. The figure in 1952 was 99 per cent.

A more significant shift took place in the confidence with which people expressed their faith.

In 1952, 87 per cent said they were "absolutely certain that there is a God," 10 per cent were "fairly sure," two per cent were "not quite sure, but like to think there is a God," and one per cent said flatly they did not believe in the existence of a God.

In 1966, the number who classified themselves as "absolutely certain" declined to 81 per cent. Twelve per cent were "fairly sure," three per cent were "not quite sure," and one per cent said they would like to believe in God but were "not at all sure" of His reality.

Two per cent described themselves as confirmed atheists, and one per cent took the agnostic stance: "I just don't know."

The foregoing article is from P. 1, **Minneapolis Tribune**, Sunday, May 15, 1966. People still believe God exists, but many for emotional reasons. They "feel" He does, but they really don't "know." Knowledge is stronger than emotions. The following are the classical and accepted "proofs" of God's existence. We arrive at them just by using our heads—reason.

1. The universe is governed by perfect laws. These laws are responsible for the ever admirable order in the universe. There are billions of immensely large heavenly bodies, most of which move in space with almost lightning speed and also revolve round one another, yet there are no disorderly collisions such as we have with automobiles, for instance, despite traffic signals and State laws to control driving. Everything in the universe, except human beings, observes faithfully the laws imposed by the Creator. It would go badly with us if it were not so. But such laws did not make themselves. They imply a Law-Maker with a supreme intelligence who planned those laws and a supreme power that put them into effect. This supreme Law-Maker we call God.

2. Belief in God is so natural that it has always been the universal conviction of mankind. All men are endowed with reason and the world about them is so manifestly dependent upon its Author that their minds almost instinctively rise to God. No rational man is a born atheist. To become an atheist, he must set himself apart from other men of all times and try to persuade himself that they are wrong; and no such person has brought forth one valid proof that there is no God.

3. It is much easier to believe in God than to try to account for the universe without God.

4. Another most convincing proof of the existence of God is that voice within us which tells that certain things are wrong, and which disturbs our peace when we do certain evil things. If there were no God, to whom we are accountable, there would be no reason to be so disturbed.

LT COLIN E. SUPPLE, CHC, USNR
Catholic Chaplain

New Chief Nurse

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Shanghai with the occupation forces. I still look upon that tour of duty as the outstanding experience of my career, but I've enjoyed it all," she stated.

Captain Harrington, then a JG, was discharged in San Francisco in 1946. She traveled home by train, reasoning that she might not have a similar opportunity and should see as much of the country as possible.

After five years in civilian life, she was recalled to active duty in March 1951 during the height of the Korean conflict. She has since served at the Naval Hospitals in Philadelphia, Pa.; Key West, Fla.; and Portsmouth, Va. She was

Chief of the Nursing Service at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Portsmouth, N.H., and—just before reporting to Oak Knoll—at Chelsea, Mass.

An interesting sidelight is that the summer Bulletin of the Massachusetts State Nursing Association published Captain Harrington's photo on its cover and carried a story announcing her impending retirement and plans to work in politics. Her promotion and retention on active duty came after the magazine's deadline. So, as she assumes her key post at this hospital, she is still receiving hundreds of letters congratulating her on her retirement!



Mrs. E. P. Irons, Red Cross Volunteer in the OB-GYN clinic, served as interpreter for Veronica Cardenas of Valparaiso, Chile, during her first visit to CAPT J. P. Semmens. With the attractive mother-to-be are her husband, BM2 Francisco Cardenas, Chilean Navy, and their five and a half-year-old son Marcus.

Small 'Norte Americano' Expected By Chilean Navy Patient and Wife

When Mrs. E. P. Irons, who serves as a Red Cross Volunteer, greeted BM2 Francisco G. Car-

denas of the Chilean Navy in Spanish, her words were music in his ears, and the sound of her familiar name brought an effusion of gratitude. Admiral Irons' name had appeared in the correspondence concerning his admission here.

The husky 32-year-old Cardenas is here for fitting with a right above-knee prosthesis through special arrangements made by the Chilean government, the Secretary of Navy, and the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. And during his stay here he will become the father of a "Norte Americano," for his pretty wife Veronica is eight months pregnant.

Cardenas had served 17 years in the Chilean Navy and was a member of the crew of the transport ANGAMOS, when he was caught by the chain of an anchor after holding it while two buddies reached a place of safety. He lost his right leg above the knee and suffered severe injuries to his left leg.

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What a shame about Margie and Kent!
In their home there was carefree content—
But their dream house was burned,
And too late they have learned
To inspect and protect and prevent.

Chapel Services	
Beginning this Sunday, worship services will be held in the new building as well as at the chapel near the main gate. The schedule is as follows:	
Catholic	
0830	Mass Clinical Assembly, Bldg. 500
1215	Mass Main Chapel, Bldg. 131
Protestant	
0930	Protestant Worship Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500
1030	Protestant Worship Main Chapel, Bldg. 131
(WEEKDAYS) Mon. thru Sat.	
Catholic	
1200	Rosary followed by Mass Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500
Mon., Wed., Fri.	
Protestant	
1130	Daily Devotion, Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500
Tue., Thu.	
1130	Episcopal Holy Communion, Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500.



BM1 Robert L. Simons receives the Silver Star from CAPT David B. Rulon, Executive Officer. At right LT Samir J. Habiby, CHC, USNR, wears the Bronze Star Medal.



Staff, Patients Decorated For Vietnam Service

Awards testifying to the valor and efficiency with which both patients and staff members served in war-torn Vietnam continue to arrive.

Highest of recent weeks was the Silver Star for BM1 Robert L. Simons, who departed recently for his home in Caseyville, Ill. Simons, as Craftmaster of LCU 1500, was delivering cargo to the Free World Forces in Northern I Corps Tactical Zone through the inland ports of Dong Ha and Jue. The morning of 29 February, his craft came under heavy enemy attack. A rocket pierced the side of the pilot house and exploded, killed the radioman, severed Simon's left leg and badly mangled his left arm.

"Despite the severity of his wounds, BM1 Simons remained at the wheel and continued to navigate the highly restricted waters until relieved by the Chief Engineer. His professionalism, extraordinary devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service," according to the citation.

LT Samir J. Habiby, CHC, USNR, received the Bronze Star for meritorious service with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade from 4 December to 3 April 1968.

"Tireless in his efforts to enhance the spiritual and moral welfare of Marines in his unit, he participated in eight major combat operations and traveled extensively throughout the I Corps tactical zone to provide worship services, religious counsel and guidance for men of his command. On 18 March 1968 during an assault against a heavily fortified enemy position near Dong Ha, LT Habiby braved heavy hostile fire to assist in comforting and evacuating the wounded and administering last rites to those mortally wounded.

"When his unit was heavily engaged with the enemy from 29 March to 2 April, he repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire to aid and comfort the wounded. Continually concerned for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, the Chaplain Habiby participated in numerous civic action projects," his citation states.

In addition to the Bronze Star Chaplain Habiby wears the Purple Heart for Wounds received in action in August 1967 when he was hit by fragments from an exploding enemy mine.

CAPT George E. Cruft, Assistant Chief of Surgery, has received the Legion of Merit for service as Third Marine Division Surgeon from 1 June 1967 to 22 May 1968.

"Captain Cruft exhibited superior professional ability and sound judgment in the performance of demanding duties. His exceptional managerial ability and foresight in ensuring that medical personnel and supplies were available to mount out an entire clearing platoon on a moment's notice proved invaluable during the siege of the Khe Sanh Combat Base from January to March 1968, undoubtedly saving many lives."

Dr. Cruft's citation referred to the outstanding liaison he established with U.S. Army medical units and supporting unit commanders, thereby greatly enhancing medical service and logistic support for all units of the division. On many occasions he disregarded his own safety to monitor and encourage medical units by making frequent trips to combat committed units, the citation stated in part.

Noontime Snacks At EM Club

Bob Bristol, manager of the EM Club, announces that the club is now open from 1130 to 1245 Monday through Friday for noontime snacks.

What Your United Crusade Gift Can Provide

- \$18—5 dental visits at a Children's Hospital clinic.
- 3 pairs of shoes for Salvation Army to give youngsters who otherwise couldn't attend school.
- Will provide enough stationery at the local USO for 2000 of our boys in Vietnam to write a letter home.
- \$24—5 sessions of speech development for a deaf child of pre-school age.
- 1 pair of special crutches for teaching a patient to walk after a crippling accident or illness.
- 1 month's care in a United Cerebral Palsy pre-nursery program to enable a child to enter school and eventually become self-supporting.
- \$36—6 bedside nursing visits to an ill person in his or her home.
- 1 wrist support or brace to help an arthritic help himself.
- 1 pair of prescription eyeglasses for a child whose parents cannot pay.
- \$42—2 weeks' care in a day nursery for the child of a working mother.
- 2 diagnostic examinations for an adult with hearing loss.
- 3 sessions of group counseling for disturbed adolescents in the Family Service Agency.
- \$48—5 days' maintenance for a deserted woman and her baby by Travelers Aid Society.
- 2 months' Homemaker service for a sick or old person to enable him to live on his own.
- Provide 6 basketballs for "Y" youth teams.
- \$54—3 complete outfits of clothing from Red Cross for disaster victims.
- Will allow 6 needy children to attend day camp for the entire summer.
- Would pay YMCA membership fee for inner-city youth in target areas.
- \$60—1 month's counseling for a street gang by a trained worker from a Crusade Neighborhood Center.
- An adenoid-tonsillectomy for a child in need.
- Will provide decorations and refreshments for a USO party for 300 servicemen.

SAYS BEST APPROACH IS "VISIT RECRUITER"

Editor: Every time you turn on the radio, or the television or look at the newspaper, you hear about young people protesting, resisting or evading the draft. There are even schools for training people to evade the draft.

I am opposed to the draft. It is unfair to young men trying to get started in the world. It does not produce the best fighting men. But it is legal. Therefore, the methods taught in the draft evasion schools are criminal. The best I can figure out the normal methods of draft evasion are continuous like "desertion" and thus have no statute of limitations.

Each day that you do not turn yourself in constitutes a new crime.

There is, however, a very excellent method of evading the draft. It is very reliable, very effective, honorable, economical and rewarding. I used it in World War II and the Korean War. My father used it in the Spanish American War and World War I. My grandfather used it in the Civil War.

It is absolutely fool-proof. See your Army, Navy or Air Force recruiter.

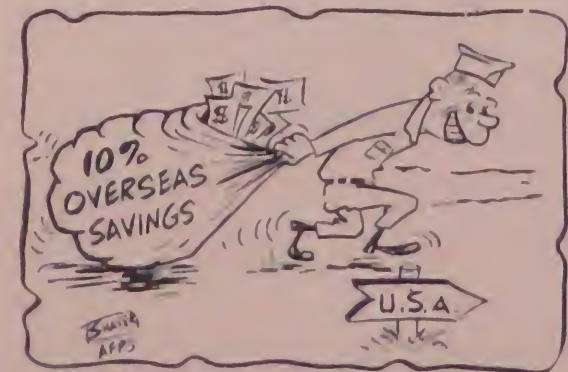
H. B. Lyon
Rear Admiral,
U.S. Navy (Ret.)
P.O. Box 2306



CAPT George E. Cruft, MC, USN, has received the Legion of Merit for Vietnam Service.

It's Legal

The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act exempts non-resident servicemen stationed in California from payment of California income or personal property taxes. This has been known for some time. Recently, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit decided that the Act also exempts non-resident servicemen from payment of sales or use taxes in the State of Connecticut. Although the rule has not as yet been applied in California, non-resident servicemen would be wise to save their sales tax receipts.





Sustained Superior Performance Check Winners with Admiral Irons are Erma Norfleet, Gudrun Smith, Ruth Necchi, Doris Potvin, Edna Evans, Mike Arrigo, Eunice Alley, and Verona Reeder.

National FRA Conclave Coming To the Jack Tar

The Fleet Reserve Association will hold its 41st National Convention 20-22 September at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco.

The Association's 66,000 membership is composed of active and retired enlisted men of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Some 500 delegates from the 312 worldwide Branches are expected to attend the convention, and all interested Oak Knoll personnel are invited.

The Honorable Charles S. Gubser, U.S. Representative from the Tenth Congressional District, California, and a Member of the House Committee on Armed Services will deliver the keynote address at the Opening Ceremonies.

Other speakers will be Rear Admiral Lester E. Hubbell, USN, Director, Compensation and Career Development, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) and Mr. Edward S. Shea from the Navy Finance Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

One of the major legislative proposals will be to support the Widow's Equity Bill, introduced by Congressman Gubser. This bill which, when enacted into law, will provide the widows of military retirees an annuity in the amount of 55% of the deceased retiree's military retired pay when the retiree's death is not from a service-connected cause.

NAS Wives To Study The Voting Privilege

Freedom to vote for the President of the United States will be spotlighted in the movie, "The First Tuesday After the Last Monday" at Navy Wives Club No. 108's social meeting 17 September at 1930 in Building 135, Alameda Naval Air Station. Voting privileges and responsibilities will be told in this movie for all interested persons.

Wives of enlisted men in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard—active, retired, or reserve—are eligible for club membership. Civilian women interested in the promotion of a mutual bond between service wives and the community are eligible for associate membership.

Babysitting is provided by appointment. Call Mrs. Robert Reaves at 521-8568. Transportation is available on request by calling Mrs. Elmore Bauer, 521-1225, or Mrs. William H. Felker, club president, at 782-0802.



This group, with the CO, received quality salary increases. From left, are Ted Xenakis, Dorothy Dixon, Anna Mae Taylor, Mary Smith, Lillian Winfield, and Eleanor Avila.

Many Civilians Honored for Superior Service

Awards were the order of the day on 22 August at the CO's meeting with civilian supervisors.

Quality salary increases went to Mary Smith, ward clerk; Helen Williams and Elvera Rivers, nursing assistants; Eleanor Avila, accounting technician; Benjamin Nelson, engineering technician; Ted Xenakis, supervisory chemist; Lillian Winfield, appointment clerk; Dorothy Dixon, secretary, and Anna Mae Taylor, legal clerk.

Cash awards for sustained superior performance were presented to Erma Norfleet, laborer cleaner; Verona Reeder, laborer cleaner; Eunice Alley, nurse; Edna Evans, nurse; Doris Potvin, nursing assistant; Gudrun Smith, nursing assistant; Ruth Mecchi, budget clerk; and Jewel Severs, clerk and Mike Arrigo.

Meritorious Civilian Service Awards were granted to Stella Bush, secretary; and Kathleen Wade, nursing assistant; in recognition of cumulative results of consistent outstanding performance.



Kathleen Wade, left, and Stella Bush each received the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and Letha Butler, right, her 20 year pin and certificate.

Two employees who have reached the 20-year milestone in their Federal careers received certificates and gold lapel emblems. They are Letha Butler, card punch scheduler, and Helen Williams, nursing assistant.

Each of the 26 young people who worked at Oak Knoll this summer under the Youth Opportunity Campaign, received special certificates in recognition of their contribution to the hospital.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee voting ballots will be distributed with this week's pay check. Additional cards are available for dependents of voting age. The cards must be signed in the presence of a commissioned officer.

Any questions regarding procedures should be directed to the Legal Office.



Youth Opportunity Campaign employees who have finished their summer of service to Oak Knoll are Michael J. Adame, Aaron W. Banks, Alvector Bradford, Kathryn L. Caulboy, Andrew L. Clark, Isabelo B. Michael J. Adame, Aaron W. Banks, Alvector Bradford, Kathryn L. Caulboy, Andrew L. Clark, Isabelo B. Elisan, Luther B. Evans, Brenda F. Fletcher, Alva A. Foreman, James G. Hall, Toni L. Hampton, Mattie L. Hill, Jacqueline A. Jones, Janice E. Juarez, David R. Leffalo, Eugene S. Lewis, Hazel J. Lyles, Anthony Nears, Ronald L. Nobleton, Kenneth Russell, Gregory Smith, James Turner, Manuel S. Uribe, Delores B. Wells, and Ed Wesley. Pictured with them is their counselor, Robert M. Hendricks.

Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Two flags—The Stars and Stripes and the CO's two star flag—flying on the pole before the new building 4 September to say "We've moved!" . . . Children at the Pediatric Clinic fascinated by the big blue eyes of "Fluffy The Cat," one of the many fine paintings donated to the hospital through the efforts of Navy League. . . . Visitors to the fifth floor exercise area wondering if the beautiful olive trees growing there are symbols of peace or if Dr. Holm is raising olives for martinis. . . . And speaking of the latter, Claire and the assistant county coroner were whisked to the ninth floor by an elevator that wouldn't come down but obligingly opened its doors so they could walk. . . . Biochemistry personnel, long hidden in a dungeon-like laboratory where their existence was virtually unknown, are delighted with their new quarters from which they can see and be seen by any and all who enter the front doors of the hospital. . . . LTJG Jim Crump, new biochemist getting his feet wet, as they say, while LT Bromann, soon to depart, watches over the operation out of the corner of his eye. . . . Robbins Lions Clubbers and members of the Knights Landing Sportsmen's Club, best known as hosts at the annual amputee pheasant hunt, distributing Robbins rice to all and sundry in the Administrative complex. . . .

WEDDING BELLS RANG in the Chapel Saturday for Sharon Payne of Staff Personnel and ET2 Jimmie W. Wylie of the crew of USS CHANDLER, homeported at Long Beach, where they will make their first home. Father Durkin officiated at the 1400 ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the CPO-Club. . . . And on the same day at 1100 for Madeline Kelly (daughter of Mrs. Maria Kelly of the Public Works staff) and Mr. James William Lieb of Berkeley. The marriage took place in Saint Jerome's Church, El Cerrito. Madeline will continue her natural science studies at U. C., Berkeley, while her new husband does cancer research at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory on the campus. He has his BA from U. C. and his MS from Humboldt State College, where they met.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES—Outside the Hospital Liaison Office, third floor, this one: "Hospital Liaison Officer and Bakelite Sign Putter-upper." Inside, a collection of old photos salvaged from the Public Affairs wastebasket, with conversation added. Our favorite shows Edgar Bergen on an early visit asking as he looks into a coke bottle, "What's that cockroach doing in my coke?" Mr. Taylor, early Special Services Officer, replies: "The backstroke, I think."

DO YOU KNOW that Captain Harrington's uncle once owned the St. Louis Blues, took them to Washington, where they became the Washington Senators . . . and that he and Connie Mack together founded the American Baseball League?

AND DID YOU KNOW that the lapse of three weeks between issues of the OAK LEAF is the longest to occur since the first mimeographed issue appeared on the compound in October 1942?



Looking forward to busy future.

Mrs. Carter Retires—Again

When Achsa Carter retired recently she had no regrets, for she has plans—"a long vacation including a trip to New York with my granddaughter, who'll be a junior at Vassar this year and a visit to all my relatives in Detroit. Then, after remodeling my Berkeley home, I'll probably settle down and work in the poverty program in this area," said Mrs. Carter, as she told her host of friends goodbye.

This was the second retirement for the vigorous 70-year-old. In 1945 she completed a 25-year teaching career in the Dallas, Tex., school system, where she last served as principal of a junior high school. Her 17 years of Federal employment were all in Oak Knoll's Patient Affairs Service, where she was noted for her remarkable memory of patients' names and whereabouts.

Mrs. Carter is the mother of four, grandmother of 18, and great-grandmother of one. Two sons and a daughter served in the Army.

The look of surprise on Mrs. Carter's face in the photo above probably reflects her reaction to Captain Rulon's reference to her as the "Barney Oldfield of Oak Knoll."

In addition to the traditional farewell luncheon planned for her by Patient Affairs personnel, Mrs. Carter was feted by 40 of her fellow workers at a dinner at Jack London Square.

Earning Money Through Military Beneficial Suggestions Program as Easy as A to Z—Here's How You Do It

WASHINGTON (NAVNEWS)—The chances of your making \$25,000 for a suggestion is slim, but hundreds of military personnel are earning enough to buy a camera, a TV set or a freezer as a result of the Navy recognizing a good idea when it sees one.

The Navy's view is based on Public Law 89-198, enacted in 1965 by Congress, and amplified in Navy and Marine Corps directives. These provide procedures for you to help the Government be more efficient and more economic in its operations.

How can you share in the money that is available through the Navy's military beneficial suggestion program? As easy as A to Z.

Ask questions. What does it do? Is it needed? Can it be improved or eliminated?

Volunteers Give 2,375 Hours During Summer of Service to Oak Knoll

Sixty-one "Volunteers" from Alameda, Oakland, and West Contra Costa Red Cross Chapters gave 2,375 hours of service to Oak Knoll during their summer vacations.

They worked in Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Immunization Clinic, OT, PT, Chart Room, and Crew's Library, helping with a wide variety of tasks that do not require technical skill, yet must be done to keep the hospital running smoothly. They also assisted with ward recreation activities and Red Cross personal service such as shopping for patients.

The teen-agers and their parents were honored last Friday, last day of work for the "Volunteers" before they returned to school.

Mrs. Helen Bickley, recreation supervisor, welcomed the young workers and guests. LCDR Helen Furmanchik, Hospital Corps Detail Officer, and LTJG R. A. Robertson, Assistant to the Administration Officer, expressed the command's thanks for the teen-age worker's contribution to the hospital and its patients.

Volunteers from Alameda Chapter were Gloria Alsing, Eric Bertelsen, Ruth Bremer, Cindi Bryant, Kathy Cervelli, Kathy Dixon, Andrea Elderts, Sherry Harpham, Janet Holst, Kerry Jennings, Kathleen Legino, Ellen Mohr, Carolyn Minot, Susan Moss, Karen Peel, Mary Rush, Sally Stang, Debi Smulyan, Carmencita Valerio, and Lorine Wilson.

Coming from Oakland Chapter were Marcia Aumann, Diana Blaine, Nancy Brush, Willie Pearl Butler, Patricia Caffey, Donna Carter, Christine Cavanaugh, Janice Fagliano, Margaret Ferguson, Victoria Freitas, Janice Gore, Linda Joseph, Pamela and Rick Kalish, Karen Keefe, Kathleen Kelly, Patti Knoblich, Mary and Terri Lorette.

Linda Loy, Candace Mendoza, Daryl Moulic, Cinde Noone, Monica Parker, Madelyne Pieper, Debbie Raphael, Patricia Rose, Mary Rodriguez, Catherine Reilly, Rae Marie Sant, Cris Segarini, Kathleen Slattery, Shirley Slosser, Ruth Sutter, Alice Thomas, Yvonne Valle, and Kim Woishnis.

Young volunteers from West Contra Costa Chapter were Janette Bettencourt, Christine Coward, Debbie Hays, and Sheila May.



REPEATERS: Susan Moss, center, was back for her third summer of service to Oak Knoll, and this was the second summer for Debbie Hays, left, and Janice Gore, right. Susan is from Alameda Chapter, Debbie from West Contra Costa, and Janice from Oakland Chapter.

CAPT Cruft to Speak At ACCMA Meeting

Members of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association will hold their annual Oak Knoll meeting at the Officers' Club Monday evening, 30 September, with the CO and staff acting as hosts.

CAPT George Cruft, Assistant Chief of the Surgical Service, will speak on "Experiences in Medical Support of Troops in Vietnam."

The program, beginning at 1830, will be followed by cocktails and dinner.

Believe in Yourself. The Navy knows that you have ideas that can make the Navy a more efficient and better place in which to work.

Consider every aspect of your work. Can you improve any part of your job? There is always a better way.

Draw from past experience. Ideas don't have to be original. Just so they're good ones and are not in effect when submitted. Eliminate unnecessary parts of your job, such as duplications, wasted time or motion.

Focus your attention on your immediate work area. You know it best.

Give the Navy the benefit of your concentrated thoughts and ideas.

Hard work can be made easier through your ideas.

Ideas mean savings in time, labor and equipment.

Join the parade of successful suggesters.

There's room for you at the next awards ceremony.

Keep plugging. If one idea doesn't solve the problem, attack it from another angle. Let your Department Head or Division Officer assist you in working out details, if necessary.

Midget ideas can lead to giant improvements. No idea is too small to be considered.

National security is strengthened by a more efficient Navy. Your suggestions can help. Other people's gripes are clues that things may need improving. Suggest a remedy today!

Prepare suggestions completely. Use NAV-EXOS Form 12450/8. Your idea can be evaluated better if you submit it properly.

Quit envying the fellow who gets an award. Turn in your ideas regularly, and you'll come up with a winner too.

Remember to write down your ideas so you won't forget them.

Study each step of your work. Strive to improve the working conditions in your area.

Turn in a suggestion anytime. The sooner the better.

Use all available help. Your past experience, reading, and thinking will help you.

Verify facts with people who know. Don't submit half-baked ideas or suggest something that is already being done.

Wage a private war against unnecessary paperwork, inefficiency, and waste through your ideas.

X-ray problems to find best solutions.

You are the key to a successful suggestion program.

Zoom your income by turning in suggestions regularly.

Special Services Seeking Entries For Annual 12ND Talent Contest

If you can sing, dance, act, or play an instrument, you are wanted to represent the command in the 12ND Talent Contest!

Semi-finals of the annual competition will be held in Rawlings Theater, San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, 8 October, at 1000. The finals are scheduled at the same location Wednesday, 9 October, at 2000.

Acts may include singing, dancing, music, comedy, impersonations, drama, and variety numbers. An act will consist of an individual performer or group of performers who are able to present a performance in good taste and of an en-

tertaining nature. Such groups will consist of not more than four performers. An act should not last more than six minutes.

All hands are invited to attend the finals on 9 October and applaud their favorite act.

Suitable awards will be presented to the winner, first, second, and third runners-up.

Names of participants must be submitted prior to 4 October 1968.

Oak Knoll staff members or patients wishing to enter should contact Ron Brown, Director of Athletics, for further information at Ext. 264 or in Room 229, Building 38.

Scenes From the Sidelines . . .

By RON BROWN

PT/OT Captures Intramural Softball Crown

After completing the first half without a loss, PT/OT duplicated its first half feat in the second half to post an unblemished seasonal record of 11 wins and no losses to win the 1968 Intramural Softball Championship.

Team members contributing immensely to the success of their team were LTJG Rob Zila, ENS Terry Hoobler, ENS Paul Bonarigo, HM1 Ed Niec, HM2 Barry Niel, HM2 Jerry Hess, HM2 John Epling, HM3 Dennis Cahoon, HM3 Jim Mader, HN John Anthony, and HN David Sherrill.

Still battling it out for second place are ENT/Pharmacy, Lab/CSR, and Dental Surgery.

ENT/Pharmacy has two wins and one loss, with two games left to play, one against Lab/CSR and the other against Dental/Surgery.

A win by ENT/Pharmacy over Lab/CSR could wrap up the second place spot for them.

ATTN: CAPTAIN PASCOE Cross Country Events Scheduled by 12ND

The 12ND cross-country program is open to all active duty military personnel of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who are stationed within the district.

Personnel interested in participating in the scheduled meets should contact Ron Brown, Director of Athletics, Ext. 264, for full information.

The schedule follows:

Sunday 15 Sept. 0900 (Optional) 5.5 Miles. 24th Walnut Festival Walnut Creek, California.

Friday 20 Sept. 1600 3.5 Miles Treasure Island (Flat Course)

Friday 27 Sept. 1600 3.5 Miles Mare Island Golf Course (Hilly Course)

Saturday 5 Oct. 0900 (Optional) 10 Kilo (6.77 Miles) Cross City Race thru Golden Gate Park.

Friday 11 Oct. 1600 4.0 Miles Crocker-Amazon Park (Hilly Course)

Wednesday 16 Oct. 1700 4.0 Miles 12th Naval District Championships Crocker-Amazon Park

Skeet-shooters Wanted for 12ND Team

The Twelfth Naval District is currently planning to form a skeet-shooting team to enter in non-military matches.

If enough commands enter teams, a 12ND League will be

started. There will be a meeting 13 September at 1330 in Room 212 at Building 450, Treasure Island. All interested personnel should try to attend.

Contact your director of athletics for further information at Ext. 264. His office is in Building 38, topside, Room 229.

Supply Corps Plans Annual Stag Party

The San Francisco Bay Area Supply Corps Association, composed of active duty, Reserve, and retired Navy Supply Corps Officers, will hold its annual Stag Party on Friday, September 20, at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

Golf and dinner reservations, ticket sales, and on-site arrangements are being handled by Commander Donald K. Howe, Jr., Supply Officer, Naval Air Station, Building 12, Moffett Field 94035—phone: 966-5926.



When HMC Alfred Caisse reenlisted 20 August for another four years, he was sworn in by CDR Arthur N. King, MSC, Chief of Preventive Medicine and head of the Preventive Medicine Technician Course. Chief Caisse, whose reenlistment will take him up to the 20-year-mark, has been an instructor at PMT since last October.



YOUNGEST TOURIST during the staff open house on 31 August was seven-week-old Kery Lynn Keadle. After viewing the clean linen room at the new CSR, she obligingly posed for a picture with her proud daddy, HM3 Robert Keadle of Pharmacy.

NAS Moffett to Host 12ND Badminton Matches

The 12ND Badminton Tournament is scheduled for 13-15 November at NAS, Moffett Field.

Oak Knoll may enter four singles and two doubles. This will be a single loss elimination tournament.

For further information, dial 264.

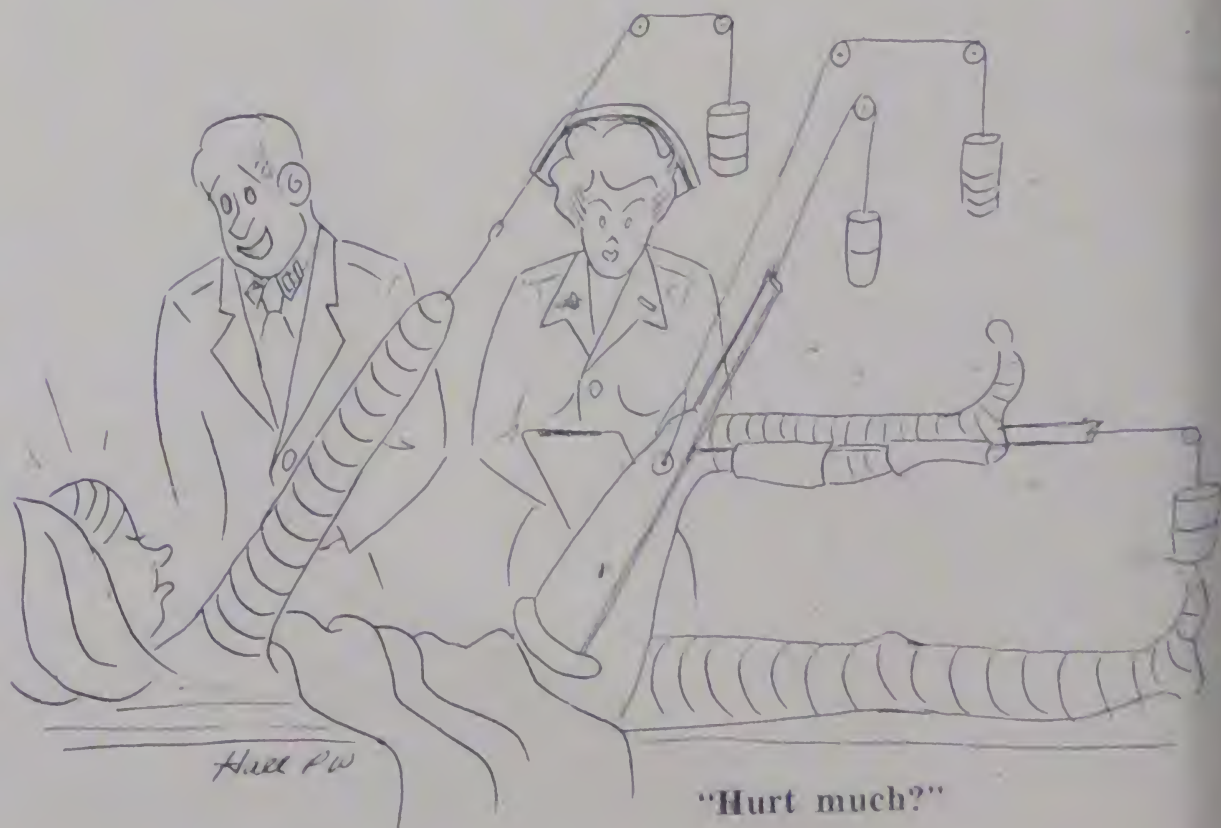
'Hospitality Tickets' Offer Big Bargain In Entertainment

"Hospitality Tickets" — a book of coupons for admission to a wide variety of recreational, cultural, and sporting events in the Greater East Bay Area during the 1968-69 season are available at Special Services for military and civilian staff members.

The books sell for \$5 and entitle the owner to more than \$150 worth of entertainment and sporting events.

UC baseball, football and basketball games, summer theater at Woodminster, little theaters throughout the area, golf at many different courses, ice skating, even skiing at Mt. Rose, Reno, are among the 70 bargain tickets offered. All for \$5. There is no additional payment for admission to any of the events except for the Oakland Symphony. However, the "Hospitality Tickets" gives the owner a five dollar discount on a \$12 season ticket until they are sold out.

These booklets are being offered here in accordance with the hospital's practice of trying to bring staff members opportunities for special rates on recreational activities whenever possible.





"It's absolutely painless to give to the Combined Federal Campaign when you use the payroll deduction plan." So say HM2 John Grillot, ENS George McManus, CDR James C. Boudreaux, Mrs. Letha Butler, and HM3 Richard Hess as they choose this easy method of giving their fair share. Commander Boudreaux, chairman of the current campaign, urges all hands to give their fair share the easy way.

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Cross-Compound Trek for 300 Ortho Patients

Thursday was moving day for the Orthopedic Service. On litters carefully placed in ambulances or air-evac bus, on foot, on crutches, in wheelchairs they came. Some patients pushed wheelchairs loaded with luggage, ditty bags, radios, pillows, popcorn poppers, afghans, bedpans and here and there a guitar or an artificial leg.

The move looked much the same as three years ago, when orthopedic patients crossed the compound to the "Ortho Ramp," leaving the historic first-built World War II wards to the bulldozers.

More than 300 patients made the trip Thursday morning, and by night all were settling into new patient care units seven floors up — 7 North, 7 South, East, and West.

Neuropsychiatry patients had already moved into their new quarters on the fourth floor, complete with a roof-garden exercise area, to which the orthopedic patients will also have access.

"A Free Ballot - A Free Country" Topic of Freedom Award Letters

During the course of your political discussions, give some thought to sharing your views with others through the 1968 Freedoms Foundation program.

The topic for this year's Letters Award program is "A Free Ballot—A Free Country."

Your letter doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece—it'll be judged on sincerity and understanding of the American way of life—nor does it have to be voluminous. The maximum is 500 words.

The Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards program is your way of life with millions of other Americans. Stand up and speak up for America with your entry by 1 November.

Your letters should be sent to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481. You may obtain additional information on the contest by writing to the same address. This is your chance to be heard—make use of it. (AFPS)

Dr. Dobbie Elected To Surgical Society

CAPT R. P. Dobbie, Chief of the Surgical Service, has been elected to membership in the San Francisco Surgical Society. He received the certificate of membership "in recognition of his knowledge of the science and skill in the art of surgery."

Captain Dobbie's election to the 29-year-old organization is an honor for Oak Knoll as well as for Doctor Dobbie himself.

CDR Goller Set For TV Interview

CDR Vernon L. Goller, MC, USN, of the Pediatric Service staff will be interviewed on television in Chicago during the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in late October.

Subject of the interview will be "Pediatric Problems in Vietnam."

Car Pool from Alameda?

HM1 Gladden of Security wants to join a car pool from Park Street between Lincoln and Buena Vista in Alameda. Please call him at 283.

CFC Launched but Lagging; Payroll Deductions Urged

Although only \$1,200 had been turned in at presstime, CDR J. C. Boudreaux, chairman of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, is confident that returns will come in rapidly as more departments are settled in the new building.

Again CDR Boudreaux stressed the need for all hands' support of the drive, which extends through 31 October.

"We have no specific goal, but we hope that all military and civilian personnel will take this opportunity to 'give once for all' and to participate the easy way through payroll deductions," Commander Boudreaux said.

The three-way drive, sponsored by the San Francisco Federal Executive Board, is a joint effort conducted simultaneously in all Federal establishments in the area.

It supports the United Bay Area Crusade, which includes 176 agencies that make the community a better place to live and work, a happier, healthier place for the young, the old, the ill, and the underprivileged. It includes organizations that help the serviceman and his family, such as Red Cross and USO.

It supports chapters of 13 national health agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and the Arthritis Foundation.

The Combined Federal Campaign also supports four organizations dedicated to relieving human misery abroad: Project Hope, CARE, American-Korean Foundation; and Planned Parenthood—World Population.

Each donor has the privilege of designating which of the many beneficiaries he wishes to receive his contribution.

Assisting Commander Boudreaux in the campaign are LTJG R. H. Robertson, Jr., MSC; HMCs J. W. Bull, R. L. Scott, and Woodrow Robarge, and a corps of keymen representing all services and divisions of the hospital.

Be ready when YOUR Keyman calls.

Officers' Wives to Hear George Mardikian Speak

Officers' Wives' Club members will hear the well-known George Mardikian, owner of Omar Khyam's in San Francisco and author of "Song of America" at their 9 October luncheon meeting at the Officers' Club.



Admiral Irons writes a check for his fair share.



Irving Klein

2800 Letters—100 TV Sets

Irving Klein, Past Department Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, has been active in veterans affairs for half a century, and he isn't slowing up. From his home in Santa Rosa in recent months he has sent out 2800 letters asking veterans' groups and other military-oriented organizations to contribute to Oak Knoll's television fund. The letters, for which he provided the postage, have paid off, contributions pouring in from throughout the state. According to LTJG W. V. Lekvold, Special Services Officer, Mr. Klein's campaign has provided approximately 100 television sets for patients' use.

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REAL — READY — RESOURCEFUL

Just as there is more to education than reading, writing and arithmetic, so there is much more to living than being **real, ready, and resourceful**. But, with some explanation and development, these three R's of living constitute helpful suggestions in our management of daily life.

To be real means that we do not flee from reality. We try to live not in a world of childish dreams and of fantasy, but in a world that is based on things as they truly are, with all their limitations and imperfections. Past failures should never prevent us from tackling present problems.

Naturally, there are many things beyond our reach. The grocery clerk may never make a great actor, and the mechanic may never be a great doctor. Our limitations protect us, if we accept them; our talents develop us, if we use them.

Be ready to act in the face of the emergencies that are forever arising to challenge our security. If we lose our jobs, or our reputations, or our health, how should we carry on from there? If our family sinks into disgrace, how shall we act? We must learn that annoying and even tragic eventualities that may confront us do not bring the end of the world. We should be prepared to change victory from defeat, or at least salvage something from disaster.

To be resourceful means that while we love people, we learn to discipline ourselves to be overly dependent. We should guard against being possessive and strive to realize that there are many more resources in the world than those which have at the present been denied us. The following prayer can serve as an excellent guide:

"God, give me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change . . . COURAGE to change the things I can . . . and WISDOM to know the difference. . . ."

We can all live a much fuller and more useful life when we are real, ready, and resourceful.

LCDR PAUL J. DURKIN,
Catholic Chaplain

Sunday School Starting 6 October

Beginning 6 October Sunday School will be held regularly in the CPO Club. It will meet simultaneously with the 1030 service at the Main Chapel. Next Sunday will be Rally and Registration Day.

Chaplain Galen Meyer, who just returned from the First Marine Division in Vietnam, will be the chaplain coordinator for the Sunday School.

A Sunday School teachers' meeting will be held in the Main Chapel at 1900 Thursday. Anyone interested in teaching is cordially invited.

Singers are needed for the chapel choir. Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 1930 in the Main Chapel. YOU are needed even though you have never sung in a choir before.

From Legal Office:

It is most important that servicemen who are leasing off-base housing read their leases carefully before signing them. The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act permits a person to terminate his lease when he enters the Armed Forces. However, this provision does not apply when a serviceman already on active duty is being transferred to a new location. In such cases, he continues to be liable for the full term of a lease. It is wise therefore, for servicemen to insist upon a military clause in their leases, enabling them to terminate the lease if they receive transfer orders.

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Leave sooner — Drive slower — Live longer.

A Television Check from AMVETS



John Engberg, State Commander of AMVETS; Raymond P. Miller, State Adjutant; and Walter Bray, Vice-President of the AMVETS Service Foundation were aboard recently to present Admiral Irons a check for \$300 for the hospital's television fund. Their check is a joint donation by the Department of California and the Service Foundation in cooperation with AMVETS Oakland Post 44 and San Leandro Post 6. It is one of many contributions these organizations have made to Oak Knoll.

A Laycox Painting from the O' Wives



Among the many attractive paintings that hang in lobbies and waiting rooms of the new hospital is this one—a gift of the Oak Knoll Officers' Wives' Club. Presenting the painting to Admiral Irons are Mrs. R. P. Dobbie and Mrs. James Rosborough. Mrs. Dobbie was club president last year, and Mrs. Rosborough is currently serving in that post. The artist, well-known Jack Laycox of Walnut Creek and Carmel, delivered the large painting, which may be seen in the main lobby. Rich colors are combined in the picture—a joyous impression of San Francisco with sailboats on the bay.

And Medals for Vietnam Service



HM2 Larry Akin is one of the many Hospital Corpsmen who have earned decorations for Vietnam service. At a recent ceremony, Akin, who is now on duty in the Orthopedic Service, was awarded the Navy Commendation for his work with the Military Provincial Health Assistance Program. As the only American on a 15-man medical team in Thanh Tri, a subsector of Basuyen province, he helped develop eight medical facilities and trained health technicians to staff them. After 11 months in Vietnam, he was wounded when sniper fire hit his jeep, fracturing both bones in his lower left leg. Earning the Purple Heart at the same ceremony were GSGT James Peters, USMC, and HM3 Mac Meham.

Chapel Services

Catholic

0830 Mass
Clinical Assembly, Bldg. 500

1215 Mass
Main Chapel, Bldg. 131

Protestant

0930 Protestant Worship
Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500

1030 Protestant Worship
Main Chapel, Bldg. 131

(WEEKDAYS)

Mon. thru Sat.

Catholic

1200 Rosary followed by Mass
Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500

Mon., Wed., Fri.

Protestant

1130 Daily Devotion, Chapel
of Hope, Bldg. 500

Tue., Thu.

1130 Episcopal Holy Communion,
Chapel of Hope, Bldg. 500.

(New time of Protestant Daily Devotions
Effective 7 Oct.—1100.)



Dr. Albert P. Krueger receives the Surgeon General's Certificate of Merit from Admiral Irons.

35 YEARS OF RESEARCH

Dr. Krueger Cited For Contributions To Navy Medicine

Dr. Albert P. Krueger, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology at U.C. School of Public Health, has received the Certificate of Merit for loyal and dedicated service to the Navy Medical Department.

The certificate, presented by Admiral Irons, came to the U. C. professor in recognition of his contributions to Navy Medical Research over a period of 35 years, both in a civilian capacity and on active duty in the Navy Medical Corps Reserve. It was signed by VADM R. B. Brown, Surgeon General of the Navy.

The 66-year-old doctor-professor, who earned both his AB and MD from Stanford, joined the U. C. faculty in 1931. Three years later he established the Naval Laboratory Research Unit on the Berkeley campus. Known as NAMRU 1, the laboratory was the forerunner of the present four Naval Medical Research units developed to serve the Navy around the globe.

"As Commanding Officer of the original research unit, Doctor Krueger provided leadership and professional direction that established the standard for all NAMRU's," the certificate states.

"Upon completion of active duty in 1962, Doctor Krueger continued to do outstanding work on Navy research projects as a staff member of the University of California. He was primarily responsible for arranging a contract between the University and the Office of Naval Research that has enabled the two to work together in furthering scientific programs of interest to the Navy," according to the citation.

This special recognition accorded Dr. Krueger by the Navy at this time is one of the many honors he has received.

During World War II the Navy awarded him the Legion of Merit for his service in NAMRU 1.

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Returning Vietnam servicemen will swell the nation's veterans population by 850,000 in 1969.

Knoll to Participate In S.F. Health Fair

NPRL will enter a booth in San Francisco's Health Fair to be held at Brooks Hall in the Civic Center from 22 to 26 October.

Visitors to the booth will see the inner workings of the Navy variable friction knee and foam foot, shown on a three-panel display by cutaway models, sample parts, and construction tooling. A complete limb for an above-knee amputee will illustrate how the variable friction knee and foam foot are used. One panel will show various types of braces made at the laboratory.

Theme of the fair, planned for young people, is Career Opportunities and Health Education. The Oak Knoll exhibit suggests careers in prosthetics (limb-making) and orthotics (brace-making).

A BIT OF NAVY HISTORY

Wonder where the expression "Shake a Leg" comes from? According to a researcher in Attack Squadron 106, the saying dates back to the time when sailors brought their wives with them when they went to sea.

This gave the Master at Arms a few problems in the morning when he tried to rouse all hands. Rather than intrude on a lady's privacy, he called out "Shake a leg." If the leg was female, he moved on to the next compartment.

JANGOs Capped, Pinned & Chevroned At O' Club Ceremonies 15 September

Twelve brand new JANGOs were capped, and several from this class and earlier classes received special honors at ceremonies held in the Officers' Club Sunday afternoon, 15 September.

From Mrs. J. M. Young, JANGO Guild Chairman, and Admiral Irons, the girls and their parents heard words of welcome and gratitude for work well done.

CAPT D. J. Pascoe, Chief of Pediatrics, spoke briefly, reminding the girls that leisure given in service is always more rewarding than leisure used for one's own pleasure.

As LCDR Marie M. Gendron, JANGO Instructor, pinned caps on coiffures, Admiral Irons presented the certificates.

CAPT Phyllis Harrington, Chief of the Nursing Service, presented special awards. The JANGO-of-the-Year Award was given in absentia to Barbara Poer, who received her 700-hour chevron in August before moving to San Bernardino, where she has entered a junior college to prepare for a university nursing program.

The Red Rose Award was first presented at this capping—to Nancy Edwards, judged by nursing staff members with whom the new class worked to represent the ideal JANGO—neat, courteous, willing, and dependable.

The 700-hour chevron, one of the few presented at this hospital, went to Lynne Tiffany, and the 500-hour chevron to Jan Mullarky and Joanna Lain.

Carol Cook, Laura Paquette, and Karen Sinclair of the new class also starred when Captain Harrington presented the awards. Each had completed the 100 hours of classroom instruction and supervised ward experience required for capping and had also qualified for the 150-hour pin and the 200- and 300-hour chevrons.

Newly-capped Terry Boles, Linda Bookout, Nancy Edwards, and Theresa Zimmerman earned their pins and 200-hour chevrons. Others capped and continuing to serve as school schedules allow are Mary Boyd, Eva Nail, and Beth Sharer.

Karen Mahan, an earlier graduate, received her 200- and 300-hour chevrons, Roberta Parsons the 300-hour chevron, and Vicki Holm, Cathy Jackson, Candice Mahan, and Margaret Mazzarella, the 200-hour chevron.



Jan Mullarky, left, received the 500-hour chevron and Lynne Tiffany the 700-hour.



Nancy Edwards displays the smile that helped win her the Red Rose Award. With her is LCDR Marie Gendron, JANGO instructor.

Frank Melvin of ROICC Dies in San Francisco

Friends of Frank R. Melvin were saddened to learn of his sudden death in San Francisco 8 September. Mr. Melvin was equipment coordinator on the staff of the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for the new building.

Mr. Melvin spent most of his life in construction work for the Navy, Army, and Air Force and for civilian firms. As an expert in first aid, he gave much of his spare time to serve as a Red Cross volunteer instructor.



CAPPED 15 September were these bright-eyed JANGOs. They are, from left, front row: Nancy Edwards, Eva Nail, Carol Cook, Kathy De Felice, Linda Bookout, and Marilyn Mayers; second row: Barbara Weaver, Laura Paquette, Karen Sinclair, Beth Sharer, Theresa Zimmerman, and Terry Boles. (Project 49 Photos.)

Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: HMCM James Bull of Staff Pers and HMCS John Rogers of PMT reporting they had a great time at the FRA Convention in San Francisco, where each was a delegate from his branch. . . . Feet tapping to the rhythms of the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps as it played for the patients last Tuesday. . . . HM1 Dewain Hoffman of Pathology Lab presenting the hospital his original oil painting, a skillfully executed still life with skull, books, and crumbly wall. . . . Noon-meal wags "adjusting" the movable menu letters, sometimes with humorous results. . . . Betty Darrimon of Fiscal and Supply and Marie Fulton of Food Service, neighbors on the third floor after years of cross-compound telephone communication, greeting each other so enthusiastically LCDR Anderson thought they had NEVER met before face to face (Not so). . . . LCDR Morris maintaining he was the first patient discharged to duty from the new building. Subsisting out from 66A at the time of the move, he was in his new office on the third floor while Patient Affairs on the second discharged him—on paper. . . . LT Duke Fisher of Neuropsychiatry Service accepting an invitation to appear on the Art Linkletter Show. . . . Deer antlers decorating the wall of the Pharmacy's new quarters. . . .

THE ENGAGEMENT of pretty Kathryn Marie Grant to LT Arthur B. Dublin of the current Oak Knoll intern class was announced in the Sunday Tribune. Dr. Dublin received his M.D. from U.C. School of Medicine, and his fiancée is a nursing student at the U.C. Medical Center. Her brother Robert is also at U.C. School of Medicine.

ANOTHER FIRST! Captain Semmens has been quoted by news media from coast to coast concerning marital problems. This month for the first time he is quoted in *PLAYBOY*, right there on Page 76.

OUCH! HN Ronald Hurt, is a corpsman on the Orthopedic Service. . . . Other names worth noting—HM1 J. H. Saylor is on duty at Education and Training. . . . LTJG Harold J. Mast is the new Aide to Admiral Irons.

OAKNOLLUMNI: LT Merle Williams, who turned over the duties of Assistant ROICC to ENS Gerard Peer several weeks ago is a graduate engineering student at U.C., Berkeley. . . . LT Christopher J. Bell, former Legal Officer, has resumed his law studies at Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo.

LIFE BEGAN 14 September for the baby son of HM2 and Mrs. Jack L. Mossman. . . . On 16 September LCDR and Mrs. Britton E. Taylor welcomed a baby girl. . . . 26 September was the arrival date for HM2 and Mrs. Larry Stiles' baby boy.

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A car is cruising along on a naval base. The driver hears the base radio station announce the time: "8 bells." A pause and then: "For you Air Force personnel on board, the time is 1600. For Marines on board, the big hand is on . . ."



Meet the Class B Golf Champions of the 12ND: From left, they are EM1 Thomas N. Taylor, HMCM James Bull, LCDR Thomas E. Carson, LTJG William V. Lekold, LT Lawrence E. Nelson, and LCDR R. E. Middlekauff. CAPT D. B. Rulon, Acting CO, holds the command trophy, while team members model their championship jackets. Not present for the photo—LCDR Joseph G. Gregonis. The Knoll golfers won 7 and lost 7 in competition with both Class A (larger commands) and Class B teams. Naval Supply Center, Oakland, took second place in Class B.

Know Your Staff



HM2 Michael Cavanagh of the Enlisted Detail Office prepares watchlists for Nursing Service Corpsmen, types the weekly details, and tells new corpsmen what to expect and what is expected of them at Oak Knoll. The good-looking 24-year-old Irishman from North Bend, Ore., was married April Fools Day 1967 to the sister of his roommate at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. ("He thought I'd be a good brother-in-law, and after a 3½-year struggle I finally made it.") A week later, having finished boot and corps school in San Diego, he arrived at Oak Knoll. He served in 69A, 65B, and in the Emergency Clinic in the early days, when he kept in trim by walking from his apartment at 73rd and MacArthur as many corpsmen do. ("The bus costs 35 cents!") A graduate of NP Tech School, Cavanagh reported to his present job last March.

Almost everyone knows Cava-



Graduating from OR School 18 August were, front row, left to right, HNs David Williams, Kevin Cotter, and David Withers, HM3 Gregory Foltz, HM2 Robert Morgan (honorman) HM3 Dennis Kauffman, HM3 Peter Primaneo; second row: HNs Joseph Slattery, Bert Ashton, HM2 Richard Allen, HN Herman Watts, HN Leland Sebring, HM3 Richard Von Gordon, and HN Van Smith. Ashton, Kauffman, Morgan, Sebring, and Primaneo remained at Oak Knoll. Allen went to NH, Portsmouth, Va.; Cotter to Chelsea, Mass.; Foltz to Long Beach, Watts to Bremerton, Wash.; Williams to Parris Island, S.C.; Von Gordon to the Dispensary at NAS, Alameda; Slattery to the Dispensary at El Toro Marine Base, Smith to Port Hueneme, and Withers to Naval Weapons Station, China Lake, Calif.

What's Special at Special Services

Special Services needs Hospital Corps petty officers to serve as escorts to various off-base activities. Particularly desired are volunteers with military drivers' licenses. For further information, please call Chief Golden at Ext. 593 or 595.

Patients and staff are encouraged to check frequently with Special Services, as new events are added throughout the week and are not always included in the publicized schedule.

Here are real bargains for patients and staff: Gourmet Tour Books — coupons to some of the better Bay Area restaurants — offering two dinners for the price of one. Cost \$2. Claremont Dinner Club tickets for \$3 entitle the purchaser to two dinners for the price of one. Hospitality tickets on sale for \$5 will admit purchasers to

over \$150 worth of sporting and entertainment events.

COMING UP:

Sunday, 29 September, 1600-2400, a big party at Dan Foley Park, Vallejo, sponsored by Tony Fair and the people of Vallejo. Unlimited number of patients and staff. Dates permitted, but no children, please. There'll be 21 bands, food, refreshments, and possibly Ann Margret and Tony Perkins may attend. Entire package — free for active duty personnel and their guests.

Friday through Sunday, 4-6 October — the big deer hunt in Eureka for 20 amputees. Sponsored by Ervin Renner and Humboldt County Veterans Service — list already filled.

Wednesday, 16 October, 1900-2130 — Steamboat roast dinner, floor show, and refreshments, strictly stag for 80 patients and staff. Sponsored by the Berkeley Elks Club.

Any questions? Ask HMC F. L. Golden, Entertainment Coordinator for Special Services, topside Community Service Building, or Dial 593 or 595.



LATEST LAB GRADS and their instructors are, standing: HM1 James Duranceau; LT P. J. W. Vogt, Officer in Charge of the school; HM3s William Wade and Steven Carey, HN George Kilpatrick, HM3 William Armstead; HM1 Arden Short, and CDR M. Borowsky, Chief of the Laboratory Service. In the front row are HNs Harold Osborne and Randy Hobart and HM3 Brian Ridpath, a staff member.

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Goodbye 569-8211!

Hospital to Switch to CENTREX Phone System Midnight 26 October

The hospital will switch to CENTREX at midnight 26 October, and at that time all 615 existing telephone stations will have new numbers.

CENTREX is a modern, mechanized, communications service already in use at many military installations. In addition to the regular features of the existing dial PBX service, it provides:

Direct Inward Dialing (DID): Incoming calls, local and long distance, are dialed directly to the desired stations, bypassing the switchboard attendant.

Direct Outward Dialing (DOD): Outgoing calls, local and long distance, are dialed directly by the calling station.

Intercommunication: All telephones can dial any other telephone on the CENTREX System.

Call Transfer: All incoming DID calls, local and long distance, may be transferred from one line to another with attendant assistance.

Machine Intercepting of Vacant Numbers: Calls to disconnected or non-working station lines are intercepted by the equipment and answered by an appropriate recording.

Interior Intercommunication Stations: These stations can be provided with the capability of communicating only with other stations of the CENTREX system. They are denied access to or from the switchboard attendant. These stations will each be assigned a four digit number.

CENTREX numbers at Oak Knoll, many of which are already listed in the Oakland Telephone Directory, will begin with 639. Four more digits will complete each office number.

All new numbers will be listed in a new directory to be distributed before the changeover to CENTREX.

Two important three-digit extensions will remain unchanged—333 to report a fire and 444 for a Code 4 call.

New at CPO Club

Al Hills plays the Hammond organ at the CPO Club every Wednesday and Friday night. "Come and hear him—he's great," said Chief Langley, announcing the new attraction.

Six Staffers Hear News of Selection

A recent ALNAV brought several Oak Knoll Officers the good news of their selection for promotion.

CDR Irving J. Weber was selected for captain in the Dental Corps. LCDRs Walter A. Andersen, Chief, Fiscal and Supply Division, and Gale Ramirez, Chief Patient Affairs Division, were named for promotion to commander, as were three Nurse Corps officers — LCDRs Gladys Madsen, Bettye G. Nagy, and Marie M. Gendron.

Also of special interest here is the selection of CDR Albert J. Schwab, MSC, for promotion to captain's rank. Commander Schwab served as AO at Oak Knoll for four years prior to his departure for Bethesda in July.

Business Men's Club Hears LCDR Middlekauff

LCDR R. K. Middlekauff, Chief of Otorhinolaryngology, spoke before the Oakland Executive Business Men's Club 1 October on "Correction of Hearing Loss."

Coming to Oak Knoll Tuesday 22 October, entire cast of "Cabaret"

Social Security Disability Claims Days 16, 17 October

Patients eligible for monthly Social Security Disability payments will have a special opportunity to complete the necessary application forms Wednesday and Thursday, 16 and 17 October.

On those days between the hours of 1000 and 1500 Miss Quinlan McCarthy, Oak Knoll's Social Security claims representative, and sev-

eral assistants will be in the 5 West dayroom for this purpose.

A recent survey of the hospital revealed that at least 100 patients now under treatment are eligible for regular monthly disability payments. Others recently admitted may also be eligible.

Miss McCarthy or an assistant will sign up at bedside any patients unable to go to 5 West on

the designated days.

There is a Social Security desk in the Patient Affairs Office, where patients may obtain advice and/or help in filing applications for disability benefits weekdays from 0830 to 1500. A patient unable to leave his unit should ask the Navy nurse to arrange for the Social Security representative to come to his bedside.



GEN Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., Commandant, USMC, is neatly framed by the chrome arches of CPL James M. Huck's circoelectric bed as he pauses to chat with the Everett, Wash., patient during recent visit.



In Neurosurgery General Chapman met CAPT Gale Clark and his patient, PFC Wo-Chong Fong of San Francisco.

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Presents Medals During Knoll Visit

GEN Leonard F. Chapman, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, paid his first visit to Oak Knoll last Friday.

RADM E. P. Irons, Oak Knoll's Commanding Officer, greeted the Commandant as he stepped out of a maroon and black Lincoln Continental so long the driver had difficulty making the turn into the uncompleted loop around the flagpole. A fleet of cars carrying COs of a number of California Marine Corps activities followed.

After a brief visit with the CO and a conference in the CO's board room with members of his party, the General toured patient care units, stopping at the bedside of each Marine to offer words of praise and encouragement. Accompanying him was SGTMAJ Herbert J. Sweet, senior non-commissioned officer in the Marine Corps.

During his tour the General presented the Purple Heart Medal to CPL Dean R. Brown of San Jose, Calif.; PFC Jerry J. Oster, Hen-

derson, Colo.; CPL Randall L. Snider, Bend, Ore.; LCPL David W. Kohlhas, Burd, Iowa; CPL Patrick L. Baddgor, Davenport, Iowa; LCPL William A. Sollock, Shelton, Wash.; and CPL James R. Lashley, Soledad, Calif.

General Chapman, who relieved GEN Wallace M. Greene, Jr., as Commandant last January, spoke at a luncheon meeting of San Francisco's Commonwealth Club following his visit to the hospital.

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"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

Some people have a real talent for seeing the worst in others. Nothing stands out in other lives which is worthy of praise or even simple appreciation. They have a way of polluting every conversation with critical observations concerning people they know or don't know.

Quite possibly such people are really showing themselves far more than they are revealing those they berate. Jesus spoke to them when he asked the question: "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye?" As one writer has put it: "Actually, it is the log that magnifies the speck."

Isn't it true that so often people who try to hide their own "feet of clay" are the most critical of the mistakes and goofs of others?

No man or woman or child can claim perfection, but they can ask understanding and love from us in their imperfections . . . just as we in our mistakes can ask the same.

It takes a big heart of love which God can supply to see beyond the worst to the best in people. Yet, this is our calling as children of our God of love. In the human family, the eyes of love provide the vision and understanding and help which we all need. What we see in people is determined by the love or lack of it that we have in our hearts.

CHAPLAIN JOHN H. KAELEBERER

NROTC Exams Slated 14 December

The 23rd annual competitive examination for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) will be given at examining centers throughout the United States 14 December.

Parents should remind eligible seniors and graduates to submit their applications before the 15 November deadline.

The NROTC program is available to all male high school seniors and graduates who will have reached their 17th but not their 21st birthday by 1 July 1969. Those who make a qualifying score on the Navy College Aptitude Test will be interviewed and given thorough medical examinations early in 1969. Approximately 1700 from those remaining in competition will be selected to attend college next September.

Of the 53 schools participating in the NROTC program three are in the Twelfth Naval District: University of California, University of Utah, and Stanford.

The program offers an outstanding opportunity for a young man to gain a regular commission while studying at one of the 53 NROTC colleges and universities.

The Navy furnishes tuition, fees, books and uniforms, plus a subsistence allowance of \$50 per month to NROTC midshipmen.

After graduation an NROTC midshipman is commissioned as a regular officer in the Navy or Marine Corps and goes on active duty with the operating forces.

Current bulletins and application forms are available from local high school counselors and Navy Recruiting Stations, or from the Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-B6411), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C., 20370.

Vets' Priority Sought In Employment

Private employers have been asked by Congress to give veterans preference in hiring, according to Gordon R. Elliott, Manager of VA's Northern California Regional Office.

The request came in a resolution which declared it to be the will of Congress that agencies of the Federal Government should:

* Give preference to job-seeking veterans;

* Seek to get private industry to voluntarily give veterans priority.



LT Barry Richard, Staff Judge Advocate, had assistance from CDR R. V. L'Italien, Administrative Officer, as he donned new shoulder boards upon his recent promotion. Heretofore he was known simply as Legal Officer.

Anniversary Greetings From Admiral Moorer

3 October marked the Navy's 193rd anniversary. The history of our Navy exemplifies the prophecy of George Washington that ". . . Without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive—and with it, everything honourable and glorious."

Since 1775 when the Continental Congress provided for the first two warships, men and women have gallantly, ably, and zealously devoted their lives to the nation in the Navy. You who serve, at home and on far distant ships and stations from the Mediterranean to Southeast Asia and the polar regions, carry on that tradition. I am proud to serve with you.
—T. H. Moorer, Admiral, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations.

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GOOD LOOKING Staff members ushering and checking hats at the recent ACCMA Meeting at the O' Club were HNs Josie Martin and Richard Benton, HM3s Ian Barry-Smith and Stephen Sanders.

JAG Corps Symbol Significance Told

The first Navy lawyers were appointed during the Civil War and until recently, were designated restricted line officers and referred to simply as legal officers.

The last session of Congress established a Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. The device that has been approved for the new Corps is a silver mill rinde in the center of two gold oak leaves. The mill rinde is a piece of iron, which is fixed to a mill stone in order to insure that the mill stone grinds equally. In early English heraldry this came to be a symbol of the legal profession, which is charged with the responsibility of serving justice equally. Members of the new corps will now be termed Staff Judge Advocates rather than Legal Officers.

The Staff Judge Advocate's office at Oak Knoll is located on the third deck of the new building and is available for legal assistance to all military personnel and their dependents.

Staff Contributes Over \$3,000 in C.F.C.

Oak Knoll personnel had contributed approximately \$3,000 to this year's Combined Federal Campaign at press time, according to CDR James C. Boudreaux, chairman. Two-thirds of the donations have been given through the payroll deduction plan, the "easy way to give your fair share" a great increase over last year.

Keymen are still contacting donors, and with only 20 percent of the departmental returns in Commander Boudreaux expects to receive well over \$6,000 in this year's campaign.

The official end of the campaign is 31 October. However, it will probably be extended to 5 November, giving everyone a chance to give.

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Do more than exist—live;
Do more than touch—feel;
Do more than look—observe;
Do more than read—absorb;
Do more than think—ponder;
Do more than hear—listen;
Do more than listen—understand;
Do more than talk—say something.



Everyone is turning to to beautify his spaces in the new building—even CDR Victor M. Holm, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, snapped here as he repainted a lampshade to blend with the color scheme of his fifth floor office.

OB-GYN Symposium 17 October Bringing Distinguished Faculty

A second annual Symposium in Obstetrics and Gynecology for the Continuing Education of the General Practitioner will be held at the Officers' Club Thursday, 17 October.

The scientific program will offer the practicing physician an opportunity to learn current modalities and thinking in the treatment of Rh isoimmunization, toxemia of pregnancy, as well as the conservative approaches in the management of endometriosis. Co-sponsors of the meeting include: Oak Knoll's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Alameda Contra Costa Chapter of The American Academy of General Practice, and the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Five hours of postgraduate credit have been authorized for members of the American Academy of General Practice who attend the sessions.

Members of the staff have been invited to participate at their convenience during the day or to register for the entire program and attend the luncheon and cocktail hour if they wish.

Registration will be from 0830 to 0930, when the scientific presentations begin. CAPT H. E. Austin, CHC, USN, will give the invocation and Admiral Irons will welcome the participants.

A most illustrious guest faculty will include John T. Queenan, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cornell University Medical College, and Director of the Obstetrical Immunology Clinic, New York Hospital, and author of a recent book entitled: **Modern Management of the Rh Problem**. He is internationally recognized as an authority on Rh isoimmunization. In addition, James A. Merrill, M.D., Professor and Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Oklahoma; Donald G. McKay, M.D., Professor of Pathology, and Ferdinand J. Beerink, M.D., Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, both at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, and Karol Hok, Ph.D., Director of Human Microbiological Research, Cutter Laboratories, will join CDR F. Wurzel, MC, USN, and LCDR J. N. O'Brien, MC, USN, of the Oak Knoll OB-GYN staff to round out the faculty.

This is the second year that CAPT J. P. Semmens, MC, USN, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has received a request from the Academy of General Practice to conduct a continuing education program for the general practitioner. The program is supported through a H.E. & W. grant from The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Joining in the planning were residents and staff of the OB-GYN Service; CAPT D. J. Pascoe, Chief of Pediatrics, and Dr. Holger Rasmussen, President of the Alameda-Contra Costa Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice. CAPT Pascoe and Dr. Rasmussen will moderate the morning and afternoon sessions, and CAPT Semmens will moderate the concluding panel.

Please Write

Craig White, a 14 year-old patient at Children's Hospital in Boston, has only a short time to live, and would like to receive post cards from as many people around the world as possible. Anyone who wishes to may write: Craig White, Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 62115.

For Service to Oak Knoll

Miss McCarthy to Receive Social Security's Top Award

Miss Quinlan McCarthy, Oak Knoll's Social Security claims representative, has been notified that she is to receive the Social Security Administration's highest honor award—the Commissioner's Citation—in recognition of her contribution to the Social Security program.

The citation, which recognizes Miss McCarthy's work at this hospital, will be presented by the Social Security Commissioner at the

Seventh Annual Awards Ceremony to be held Thursday, 24 October, in Baltimore, Md.

Miss McCarthy has been serving Oak Knoll for more than two years, and during that time has assisted patients in filing nearly a thousand claims, which are now bringing hundreds of dollars in monthly payments to discharged patients and those still aboard.

Scuttlebutt

WEDDING BELLS WILL RING on 9 November when WAVE Kathy Pare becomes the bride of Hospital Corpsman Kenneth Young, stationed in Charleston, S. C.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Pitcher Nash of the Oakland A's taking off new white shoes to rest pinched feet during a brief stop at the Public Affairs Office Wednesday. . . . LCPL Dave Moon galloping across the pages of Treasure Island's "Masthead" in a photo showing him winning first place in the 3.5 mile cross-country race around TI 20 September with a time of 19.58. . . . A handsome pair of antlers, deer?, decorating a wall in the new Pharmacy. . . . Old faithful Chester checking the action in the Main Lobby, only to be escorted out by an apprehensive corpsman. . . . Helen Zlibin greeting friends with a "Guten Morgen" as she returned to work after a vacation in Germany, where she and her husband visited their serviceman son. . . . Vivian Swoford practicing her "Alohas" before flying off to a holiday in Hawaii. . . .

DID YOU KNOW that tomorrow is the birthday of Christopher Columbus, the greatest sailor of them all? That exactly 20 years ago the OAK LEAF was exhorting its readers to give to the annual Community Chest drive? That the hospital was looking forward to its very first television set—to be presented by the San Francisco Examiner?

LIFE BEGAN 26 September for Jeff Lynley Burk, 7 lb., 9 oz. son of LT and Mrs. Jim L. Burk, Dental Service, and on 5 November a 9 lb. 4½ oz. boy, Michael Joseph, joined the family of LT and Mrs. Dennis M. Jurczak of Neuropsychiatry.



QM3 James Gordon Newport, USN, of USS JOUETT and 7 North was among the many patients Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Delbert D. Black greeted when he and SGTMAJ Herbert J. Sweet, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the Marine Corps toured the hospital 20 September. The two were in the Bay Area to attend the National Fleet Reserve Convention held in San Francisco. Master Chief of the Command Robert Scott escorted them during their visit to the hospital.



LCPL Jaime Reynaldo of Pittsburg, Calif., was among the many young Marines who had the honor of meeting General Chapman during his tour of the hospital. LTJG I. S. Miller of the Navy Nurse Corps looks on from a respectful distance. —12th District Marine Corps photos.

Fire Prevention Week

On a warm Sunday evening of October 1871 a brief lapse in carefulness sparked a fire at a modest mid-west home. It didn't seem particularly threatening or uncontrollable.

But it was.

Thirty hours later 2,100 acres of Chicago were blackened, smouldering waste. More than 200 of its citizens had perished; 100,000 were homeless; almost 17,500 buildings were in ruins.

Direct losses were \$168,000,000, the indirect costs incalculable.

Fire Prevention Week is observed annually during the week containing 9 October, anniversary date of the Chicago conflagration. A reminder of the needless tragedy and waste by fire, the observance originated in 1911 as Fire Prevention Day. Fire Prevention Week was first officially proclaimed in 1925 by President Coolidge.

Its message is this: fires are not deplorable accidents, but the consequences of neglect and carelessness. Fire Prevention Week is a time to check defenses against fire in our homes and places of work.

REMEMBER, FIRE PREVENTION IS YOUR JOB TOO.



September 20 graduates of the Neuropsychiatric Technicians' School are pictured above with the staff of Neuropsychiatry. In the front row, left to right, are LCDR H. Bidwell, CAPT H. A. Sparks, Chief of Medicine, who was the graduation speaker; CAPT D. B. Rulon, Executive Officer; CDR V. M. Holm, Chief of the Neuropsychiatry Service, LCDR K. D. Rashid. Graduates are, second row, left to right: HNs William B. Ebojo, Alexander D. Eclar, Patrick J. Howell, HM3 James W. Aumann, HNs Byron L. Tapley, Stanley D. Parks, George L. Hayden, and Ross A. Welch, and HM3 Larry Mainer. Top row, left to right: HNs Jeffrey C. Joseph, Billy M. Russell, Ronald D. Lay, Joseph G. Kerley, William J. Hoel, John H. Bucklin, and Daniel H. Haller, HM3 Gary L. Perkins, and HN Arthur J. Davis.

Frightening Fete Set For EM Club

Enlisted staff beware! Friday, 1 November, your staff Halloween Party will take place, and with all attending in costume, it should be a frightening (but fun) affair! It will begin at 1930, with a buffet and refreshments (left over trick-or-treats?) served. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in various categories.

Free tickets for the party will be available in the middle of this month. The "happening" is sponsored by the Enlisted Men's Recreation Committee, HM1 Fred Matthews, chairman. Further information will be available from individual department representatives to the committee. Matthews hopes many will participate to make the party an event to haunt all memories.

Women's Badminton Tourney Scheduled

The Twelfth Naval District Women's Badminton Tournament will be held 18-19 November at NAS Alameda at 1900. Participants are needed. Prospective participants may call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264 for entry details. The deadline for entries is 12 November 1968. The tournament is open to officers and enlisted personnel.



"The barber was on leave, Sir."

WANTED!

Bowlers for the Oak Knoll Men's Bowling Team.

Bowls Monday nights
Call Ron Brown at Ext. 264 for further information

Scenes From the Sidelines . . .

By RON BROWN

The ENT/Pharmacy/Disbursing team won a close race for second place in the Intramural Softball tournament. Their team triumphed over the Dental/Surgery and Lab/CSR teams. The PT/OT team won first place with an 11-0 record, and the ENT/Pharmacy/Disbursing team lost only to the champions, making their final record 9-2.

Players on the second place team were: Pitcher, DKC Adam DeMello, LTJG Ken Kneebone, LT Jim Hennigs, HM1 William Anders, HM2s Mike Nicholson, Leonard Martin, and John Grillott; HM3s Bob Kadle and Bob Edmonds; and HNs Dave Moffitt, Lyle Banks, Chuck Jansen, and Mike Lacy.

The Twelfth Naval District Men's Badminton Tournament will be held 13-15 November at NAS Moffett Field at 1900. All interested personnel should call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 264 for further information. The deadline for entries is 8 November.

Bit of Naval History

Gurney: wheeled stretcher. Named after Sir Goldsworthy Gurney, noted English surgeon turned inventor, 1793-1875.

The idea for a wheeled stretcher probably came to him when his two OR techs complained about having to carry his patients to the operating theater and threatened to put in for sea duty. After he put wheels on the stretcher which he loved to ride himself down the passageway (the origin of "Gangway, here comes Gurney!") his two OR techs complained about pushing the patients and got shanghaied to the Fleet Marines. Dr. Gurney finally threw up his hands in dismay and exclaimed "The heck with this!" quit medicine, applied a steam engine to his gurney, called it a locomotive, which became famous two hundred years later as a troop train!

What's Special at Special Services

Patients and staff may enjoy several events this month, courtesy of Special Services and friends in the community. Gourmets and music-lovers will be especially interested.

Sunday, 13 October—the "Harmonifiques," an outstanding Bay Area musical comedy group, will entertain in the third floor Clinical Assembly.

Tuesday, 15 October—an Italian dinner followed by music and dancing will be free to 50 patients and staff at the Moonlight Ranch, Crow Canyon Road, near Castro Valley.

Wednesday, 16 October—1900-2130—a Steamboat Roast Dinner, floor show, and refreshments for 80 patients and staff, will be sponsored by the Berkeley Elks Club.

Sunday, 20 October—"The Twilights," a fine combo, will bring a few hours of "smooth listening" to the Clinical Assembly. This group and the "Harmonifiques" will be brought to Oak Knoll by Mr. Chuck Adams.

Tuesday, 22 October—The entire cast of "Cabaret" will visit the hospital to entertain staff and patients. Detailed plans will be made public soon.

Interested? Ask HMC F. L. Golden, Entertainment Coordinator for Special Services, topside, Community Services Building, or call him at 593 or 595.

Past events were very successful, and thanks are due all sponsors. On 25 September, Mr. Murillo and the Trade Club hosted a dinner and floor show at the Claremont Hotel for 10 patients. Outdoors "roughing it" on 28 September were 15 patients, on a fishing trip and cook-out hosted by VFW Post #72. Several USO Hostesses

and skippers of the boats, members of the Loch Lomond Yacht Club, entertained the patients. Mr. Wedemeyer of the VFW post then had the men transported to the American Legion Log Cabin for a barbecued chicken cook-out.

Sunday, 29 September, more than 80 patients and staff journeyed to Dan Foley Park in Vallejo for a dance and dinner. Over 400 servicemen from all branches of the service enjoyed continuous music from 1600 to 2400. The event was sponsored by Mr. Tony Fair and the newly formed Servicemen Appreciation Committee of Vallejo. Our thanks to Mr. Fair, Joann Baldwin and all the hard working citizens of Vallejo for a job "well done."

More thanks go to Maggie's School of Dance for an excellent performance 30 September. Chuck Adams was responsible for this enjoyable evening.

The 20 amputees who attended the 4 October deer hunt sponsored by the good people of Humboldt County are still talking about the mighty deerslayers they turned out to be. These marksmen brought down a total of 29 deer. The carcasses are now under refrigeration here at the hospital and will be used for a barbecue in the near future. Watch our next edition for pictures and more details on this outstanding event.

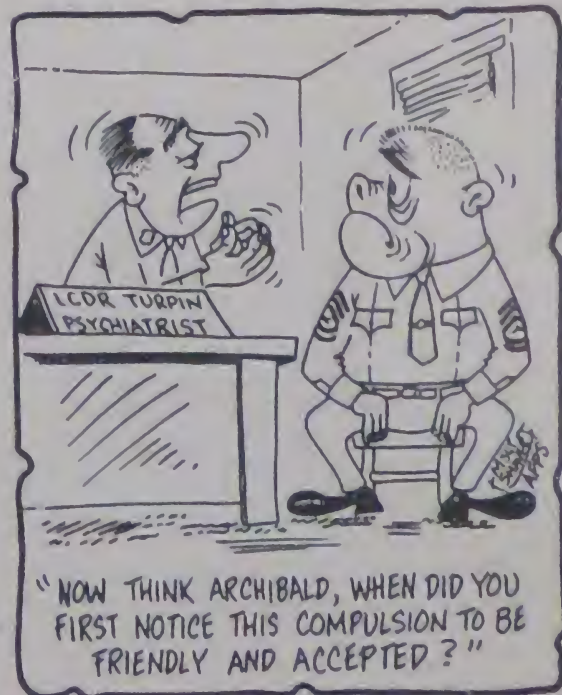
Bargains for patients and staff:

JAYCEE GOURMET TOUR BOOKS: 2-for-1 meal coupons to some of the better Bay Area restaurants. Cost \$2.00.

HOSPITALITY TICKET BOOKS: Over \$150.00 in admission tickets to all types of athletic and musical events in the Bay Area. Cost \$5.00.

CLAREMONT DINNER CLUB: Good for two meals for the price of one. Children under six eat for free. Just imagine, a family of four, eating at the Claremont for a total of \$3.75. Cost \$3.00. for a book covering a 12-month period.

TRAVIS LODGE: Located in the heart of the Sierra Vacation land, it is available to staff and patients on a reservation basis. For detailed information about this real bargain, call HMC F. L. Golden, 593 or 595. For reservations call 438-2831 Monday through Friday between 0800 and 1700.



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KNOLL ATHLETES HONORED: Rear Admiral Leo B. McCuddin and Rear Admiral Irons hold the Commandant's Trophy won by Oak Knoll teams who were honored at a presentation luncheon. Additional photo on page 5.

Admiral McCuddin Presents Prized District Trophy

Oak Knoll athletes captured the 12ND Commandant's Class B traveling trophy this year for the first time in six years.

Rear Admiral Leo B. McCuddin, Commandant, 12ND, was aboard 16 October to present the colossal trophy to Rear Admiral Irons, Commanding Officer. The trophy was presented at a luncheon in honor of members of winning teams.

For the period 1967-1968, Oak Knoll teams took first places in table tennis, volleyball, golf, and tennis. They won second places in softball and track, and third in bowling and football. The Oak Knoll WAVES volleyball team were 12ND champions last year and hope to repeat that feat this year. It is of note that no Oak Knoll team placed lower than third in any sport they entered.

Al Bernard, Administrative Assistant to the 12ND Special Services Officer, represented the district at the luncheon. Also seated at the head table were CAPT D. B.

Rulon, Executive Officer, LTJG W. V. Lekvold, Special Services Officer, and Ron Brown, Director of Athletics.

Congratulated on the success of Knoll athletes, Mr. Brown said that "the teams are off to a flying start this season and will try hard to hang on to this highly coveted trophy next year."

TOYLAND

A large selection of holiday toys is waiting for you in Building 102. Shop now. Layaway plan available.

The Russians Are Coming!

Hunting, Fishing Outings Organized by Erv Renner

Mention deer hunting or salmon fishing to an Oak Knoll amputee, and he will immediately think of Eureka and Ervin C. Renner. Mr. Renner is the inspiration and the organizer of the hunting and fishing expeditions at which Humboldt county citizens entertain amputee patients.

More than 100 have had the fun of hunting and fishing and been cheered by the warm friendship and hospitality of their hosts.

As Humboldt County Veteran Service Officer, Mr. Renner devotes full time to aiding veterans of all wars. He has special empathy for amputees, for he is one of them. He lost both legs at the Battle of the Bulge, Bastogne, Belgium, during World War II.

This is the third year "Erv" has organized outings for Oak Knoll patients, and already plans are under way for similar events in 1969.

Meanwhile, here at the hospital, plans are shaping up for a gala sequel to the 5-8 October hunt—an all-hands venison barbecue to which Mr. Renner and other Humboldt County hosts have been invited.

THE OAK LEAF'S NEW CENTREX NUMBER IS 639-2112.

Beginning Sunday

Old Numbers Out, CENTREX In

CENTREX is coming Sunday and with it new telephone numbers throughout the hospital. All staff members are urged to notify frequent callers of the change of phone number by mailing out cards provided for that purpose. A supply of cards is available in Staff Personnel for those who did not receive them at the CENTREX indoctrination sessions conducted by Miss Linda Besel, Service Adviser from Pacific Telephone.

Miss Besel stressed the need for having telephones "covered" at all times since calls no longer go through the main switchboard and the caller could assume the office is unmanned. Also important, she said, is clear identification of one's self and his department since many errors may be made before people become accustomed to the new numbers.

78 Per Cent Succeed In Navy-Wide Exams

Receiving congratulations on their selection for promotions are 237 enlisted men. Of the men from Oak Knoll competing, 77.7 per cent were selected. The first promotions will take place 16 November. The remainder will be spaced through April 1969.

Twelve-Hour Hunt For Right Donor Has Happy Ending

When Maria Paulina, infant daughter of SD2 and Mrs. Herman Mauricio of Alameda left the hospital last Saturday, her small heart was pumping the blood of a Treasure Island Fireman Apprentice. The total blood content of her body—a half pint—had been replaced in an exchange transfusion necessitated by a jaundice problem.



LT J. M. McClurkan, Pediatric resident, notified LT D. J. Kelly, the Laboratory watch, of his newborn patient's need.

Immediately an intensive search began for the right blood—O Positive with low titer (having no powerful antibodies). Staff members and strangers were asked their blood type as they passed through the lobby.

The blood of 30 potential Type O Positive donors was tested before FA Dale Williams arrived in response to the Blood Bank's SOS to TI. His blood, like that of the others, was tested. Unlike the others, it proved to be exactly what the 6 lb. 15 oz. baby needed. After an anxious 12-hours, doctors (Continued on page 3)

General Krulak Is Navy Day Speaker

Vietnam veterans in staff and patient status at Oak Knoll will attend today's Navy Day luncheon at the Commercial Club in San Francisco.

LTGEN Victor H. Krulak, USMC, retired commanding general, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, will speak on "Vietnam—Where Are We Headed?" The luncheon is sponsored by Navy League.

Back to Standard

We won't be driving to work in the dark Monday. Daylight savings goes out at 0200 27 October; don't forget to set back all clocks one hour.



PATIENT HUNTERS: Relaxing during the week-end deer hunt are Erv Renner, organizer of the outing, and left to right: CPL James F. Frame, L/CPL Jesse W. Spencer, Jr., and SGT William L. Daul.—Photo by K. W. Lawrence, Yountville.

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COMMUNICATING

We have been told that as we change to the Centrex System of telephone communication in the hospital there may be slowdowns and even breakdowns. When this happens we become rather irritated because we are used to quick and efficient telephone service—and even a month or so of inconvenience can irritate us though we know that ultimately we will have even more efficiency.

Imagine, then, how we must frustrate and irritate those about us when we do not communicate openly and honestly with them. We become shadow persons—like a bad connection—and there is no room for understanding—and tensions rise.

In all of the relationships that we have, there is always the danger of tension and even hostility; but if we make an honest effort to communicate clearly, the possibility of this is lessened.

Here then, is one of the keys to better relationship and understanding in marriage and family life, in working relationships, and in our social contacts: communicate openly and clearly.

CHAPLAIN M. W. McCOY



Hardly pausing to be photographed are the three busy civilian women who have recently been promoted. From left, Mrs. Roberta Maloney, Mrs. Beverly Keller, and Mrs. Alma Smith.

Civilian Women's Promotions Underscore Equal Opportunities in Federal Service

Three civilian women have recently received promotions, demonstrating Oak Knoll's compliance with the Civil Service Commission's 1967 regulation which reinforced the prohibition of discrimination because of sex. The agency provides that women be assured full equality of opportunity in hiring, promotion, training, and other personnel actions in the Federal service. The regulations were added to those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Mrs. Roberta Maloney, Mrs. Beverly Keller, and Mrs. Alma Smith are the recipients of the promotions. Mrs. Smith, who has worked at the hospital since February of 1967, was promoted from GS-9 Computer Programmer to GS-11 Computer Specialist.

Mrs. Maloney retained her previous title, Personnel Staffing Specialist, but moved from GS-7 to GS-9.

Mrs. Keller, who started work here in 1956, became a GS-9 Employee Relations Specialist. She

was a GS-7 Employee Management Relations Assistant.

They are three prime examples of the good opportunities for advancement available to women in government service.

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BRONZE STARS: Two Marines were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam by MAJGEN Lew Walt, Deputy Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, during a recent visit to the hospital. Receiving the famous general's congratulations and a warm handshake are, at left, LT David O. Carter, USMCR, Oakland; and L/CPL John E. Granville, USMC, of Saugus, Calif.

Know Your Staff



Although he has not been here long and is soon to leave for Field Medical School at Camp Pendleton, HN David Jeffers is a familiar sight to almost everyone at the hospital. Jeffers works in the Fiscal and Supply Division and has recently been pinch-hitting as cashier at the Collection Agent's window. By his window pass about 1200 people on their way to eat. According to Food Service, about 1000 meals a day are served in the Main Dining Room and 200 in the Officers' Dining Room.

Jeffers is from O'Neill, Nebraska, a cattle community about 200 miles west of Omaha. He likes the Bay Area, but of course notices how much more crowded with people and freeways it is than his home.

Jeffers attended Boot Camp and Corps School in San Diego, where he saw the ocean for the first time.

CFC Going Strong; Have You Given Yet?

There is still time to donate to the Combined Federal Campaign. With only about 50 per cent of Knoll personnel contacted, about \$4000 has been donated. There has been a good response to the payroll deduction plan. Three departments have contributed 100 per cent: Staff Personnel, NP Civilians, and the CO's Office.

The deadline will be extended to 5 November, according to CDR James C. Boudreaux, chairman.

Chapel Services

Catholic

0830 Mass
Clinical Assembly, Bldg 500

1215 Mass
Main Chapel, Bldg 131

Protestant

0930 Protestant Worship
Chapel of Hope, Bldg 500

1030 Protestant Worship
Main Chapel, Bldg 131

(WEEKDAYS)

Mon. thru Sat.

Catholic

1150 Rosary followed by Mass
Chapel of Hope Bldg 500

Mon., Wed., Fri.

Protestant

1100 Daily Devotion, Chapel of Hope, Bldg 500

Tue., Thu.

1100 Episcopal Holy Communion, Chapel of Hope, Bldg 500.



Miss Tanya Voronokoff, in a traditional costume, is one of 30 members of the colorful Russian Folk Ensemble who will entertain staff and patients Sunday afternoon from 1500 to 1700 in the Clinical Assembly. The troupe, which won the best in show prize at the Latin American International Festival at the San Francisco Opera House in 1967, will present a program of authentic Russian folk songs, dances and music. Their director is Dimitry Avramenko.





Several of the civilians who received awards 17 October display them. Front row, left to right: Bill Whittington, Katie Tanner, Mrs. Rutha Jones, Mrs. Willie M. Mayes. Back row, left to right: Clois Forester, Eleanor Stromberg, Roy White, and Alice Halliday.

Congratulations & Cash for Civilians

Twelve civilians received awards 17 October at the CO's meeting with supervisory personnel. Awards of \$100 in recognition of outstanding performance were granted to Albert Brownlow and Clois Forester, stockmen in the Fiscal and Supply Division, and Mrs. Rutha Jones, pantryman, and Mrs. Willie M. Mayes, mess attendant, both of the Food Services Division.

Bill Whittington, foreman laborer cleaner, Operating Services Division, received a \$75.00 award for suggesting standardization of clothing for housekeeping personnel, and Alice Halliday, clinical nurse, received \$25.00 for a suggestion to prevent friction burn on infants.

Twenty Year Service Awards were given to Anne Jones, nurse, and Aery Knowles, nursing assistant, Lloyd Marshall, stockman, Fiscal and Supply Division; Eleanor Stromberg, supervisory clerk-dictating machine transcriber; Katie Tanner, laborer cleaner, and Roy White, stockman.

Hurrah for Chiefs!

VADM Hyman G. Rickover, who literally nagged the U.S. Navy into developing the nuclear missile submarine, has turned his critical eye on the U.S. Naval Academy. The testy admiral doesn't like the educational effort made by the academy and he accuses the academy of turning out officer graduates who lack "poise, self confidence and maturity."

The admiral may be right. Perhaps the academy isn't doing all it should in the area of educating officers. If so that can be corrected. But we doubt that anything much can be done about those graduates who, as the admiral says, lack poise or maturity. Some of the blame for that lack must rest with the parents and we doubt that even the redoubtable Adm. Rickover can do anything about that.

But in any case, as the admiral well knows, the young officers who do graduate and go to sea will fall under the guidance of chief petty officers who will, as they always have, manage to make men out of them if anyone can.

—Chicago Sun-Times

KNOW YOUR STAFF



Mrs. Rose Cooper, secretary to CAPT J. P. Semmens, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is a rarity at Oak Knoll, a native Californian. She is from Marysville, and her husband Frederick is from Yuba City. Her job is "never dull," and she often helps in the editing of medical texts by Dr. Semmens. She can be found behind the door with a pink ("my favorite color") flower on it.

The Coopers have deep roots in Yuba City. Mr. Cooper's grandfather was a founder of the town and lived there when there was only one other house in sight! Now his home stands facing the high school, and two streets are named for members of the Cooper family. The family seems to migrate to the area — their married daughter, Linda, is a probation officer for Sutter County in Yuba City and the Coopers plan to build a penthouse atop a four-plex in the town on their retirement.

"I'm kind of a nut on auctions," says Mrs. Cooper. She loves jade and antiques and often picks up excellent bargains at these auctions, which she would rather attend than a movie! She is especially proud of a set of gold Rosenthal china she bought for \$125, which she wouldn't sell now for \$1000. And offers have been made.

Mr. Cooper, a retired Naval officer, teaches at Castlemont High School. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have a 16-year-old fluffy orange cat named Butterball, who is, naturally, the CO in their home.

Civilian-Military Advisory Committee To Meet Thursday

The Civilian-Military Advisory Committee will meet at 1000 Thursday in the third floor classroom near the Dental Service. LCDR F. D. Lewis, senior member of the committee, urges all interested staff members to sit in on the meeting.

The committee was appointed last March to screen complaints concerning discrimination, and to prevent discrimination involving staff or patients at this command.

"We investigate complaints and submit reports to the Commanding Officer, but our function is not just to handle grievances. We wish to take a positive approach to equal employment, and any suggestions we can get from members of the staff are appreciated," said Dr. Lewis.

Serving with Dr. Lewis, who is Chief of the Physical Medicine Service, are HMC D. B. Lodge of Operating Services, HMC W. D. Carlin, Personnel, HM1 T. G. Tinkham, Fiscal and Supply, Homer Hunt, Food Service; John Miller, Jr., Laundry; Virginia Cheatham, Nursing Service; and Oscar Cunningham, Maintenance.

Direct access to the committee is available to any staff member or patient. When indicated or when requested by an individual, the committee will insure persons with grievances or suggestions an opportunity to see the Commanding Officer.

Baby's transfusion

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began the transfusion at 0200 14 October. The accompanying photo is evidence of its success.

Maria Paulina is the Mauricio's third child.

From The Judge Advocate

Wives of servicemen who are away from home often have difficulty conducting family affairs due to their inability to sign papers in the husband's absence. A serviceman intending to be away from his wife for an extended period should consider executing a power of attorney authorizing his wife to sign for him while he's gone.

THE OAK LEAF'S NEW CENTREX NUMBER IS 639-2112.



George M. Mardikian, author of Song of America, addressed a rapt audience of Officers' Wives' Club members at their 9 October luncheon. Mr. Mardikian, a native Armenian, is a well-known restaurateur, author, farmer, and food consultant. A naturalized American who has received numerous award for service to his adopted country, he delivered a fervent and patriotic speech. He is pictured above with, from left, Mrs. J. F. Rosborough, president of the club, Mrs. H. N. Dean, Mrs. R. V. L'Italien, hostesses, and Mrs. A. H. Holmboe, program chairman.

Commended



HN Joseph G. Olander has received a letter of commendation and personal thanks from Admiral E. P. Irons for his prompt action in giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a seriously ill patient 20 August.

A patient with diagnosis of severe concussion and basal skull fracture had been placed on the seriously ill list because his general condition had not improved. Olander was alone on his ward and in checking his patient, found that he had ceased breathing and had no palpable radial pulse. The corpsman instituted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and sent ambulatory patients to notify the doctor and nurse, never leaving the patient for an instant. When they arrived, the patient had good pulse, and due to Olander's continuing resuscitation, was well oxygenated. Because of Olander's "prompt, intelligent, and skillful action," the patient received further care and was taken to emergency surgery.

Olander reported for duty here 18 July 1968. His performance "was in the highest tradition of the Navy Medical Department."

Honor for Dr. Middleton

CAPT Robert A. Middleton, Chief of the Dental Service, will fly to Miami 27 October, to receive a Fellowship in the American College of Dentistry.

The Russians Are Coming!



Miss Quinlan McCarthy, Social Security claims representative, discusses benefits with L/CPL John Mankowski, USMC, of Sacramento, center, and SN Larry Curby, USN, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Social Security Specialists Accept 146 Patients' Claims in Sign-Up Days

Members of a six man team of Social Security disability claims specialists accepted 146 claims last week, including several for wives and children. The team spent 16 and 17 October in the 5 West day-

room and 18 October visiting bed patients in order to catch up on a backlog of claims which had occurred during moving days.

The Oakland Social Security office began such hospital visits to contact patients eligible to receive benefits before they are released from the hospital. Since the program's initiation nearly two years ago, about 1478 claims have been processed. Many who were unaware they were eligible have received substantial payments, due to a large extent to the energetic efforts of Miss Quinlan McCarthy, claims representative assigned to the Knoll.

Miss McCarthy has notified many patients that after a 1967 amendment to the social security laws, disabled persons may qualify for benefits with as little as one and a half years of work credit, as opposed to the five years previously required.

Other members of the team were William B. Hayward, manager of the Oakland office; Eugene Williams, staff assistant; John Rotsten and Mattie Scott, field representatives; and Mary Ann Staples, claims representative.

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. More than forty professional papers will be presented during the four-day symposium, hosted this year by the Navy. Many of the papers will be published in professional journals.

Knoll Physicians To Present Papers

The annual Armed Forces Seminar on Obstetrics and Gynecology, which will be held 28-31 October at the Vacation Village Hotel in San Diego, California, will be attended by several physicians from Oak Knoll.

LCDR Britton E. Taylor and CDR John F. Wurzel of the OB/GYN Service, will present a professional paper titled **The Role of the Cervical Dysplasia Clinic in Teaching as Well as Patient Evaluation**. Dr. Wurzel and LCDR William D. Roche will present a paper on **The Use of Hyperimmunegamma Globulin Prophylaxis in RH Negative Mothers**.

CAPT James P. Semmens will participate in a panel discussion on pediatric and adolescent gynecology. His topic will be **Teenage Sexual Problems: A Practical Approach**. Dr. Semmens, LCDR Daniel H. Day and LCDR Richard H. Fair will have a scientific exhibit on **Family Life Education** on display at the convention hall.

The seminar is held in conjunction with the Armed Forces District Meeting of the American

Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: A burly Marine sergeant bumping into a door with a polite "Pardon me" . . . An unidentified officer dropping to the floor to do push-ups after getting his flu shot (It'll hurt less if you do this) and Mr. Snyder commenting as he walked away from the jet injector, "Oooo, Oooo. Oooo." . . . Wally Stenblom, not waiting promotion, passing cigars to announce that he'll soon be moving up to HM1 . . . SA Janet Blair smoking one of them . . . Aaaagh! . . . Mrs. Hamilton, Knoll kidney patient, who sold Kidney Foundation trick 'n treat candy in the lobby, wishing to thank all who made her quick sell-out possible.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN will appear at Oak Knoll on Halloween—in quintuplicate. All five 75-100 lb. fruits (that's right) are gifts from friendly Bay Cities Produce . . . And **DON'T** forget the Halloween costume party at the EM Club 1 November.

WEDDING BELLS will ring 21 December for neat, petite HM3 Dorothy Jackson of the Allergy Clinic, who'll be out in November, and SGT Lee A. Wright, Jr., USAF.

DO YOU KNOW THAT Mr. Robertson is a genuine Kentucky Colonel? Right there on his office wall is the certificate to prove it . . . That Johnnie White of Hayward's Hall of Horns will supervise the barbecuing of 18 deer for the 2 November barbecue at the hospital picnic area? . . . That Commander Green suggested and Mike Arrigo of NPRL executed the design that appears on trays in the new dining rooms?

OAKNOLLUMNI: Mrs. Achsa Carter, who reached the compulsory retirement age of 70 in August and retired after 17 years in Patient Affairs, has enrolled at U. C., Berkeley, where she will continue work for her AB degree, majoring in educational psychology.

THE GREAT POST OFFICE MYSTERY: Where was it on 17 October when signs on the tightly closed windows directed all comers to the new location, where there wasn't even the ghost of a postmaster in sight. This frustration has been remedied, and the mail is going through—Bldg. 101.

OOOOOPS! How could we have been so premature? Contrary to the report in the last LEAF, LCDR and Mrs. Dennis Jurczak's baby boy was born 5 October, rather than 5 November!



New OAK LEAF staffer.

Kathy McIntosh Reports for Duty

Kathy McIntosh, fresh from Granada Hills, Calif., and the College of Idaho, has joined the OAK LEAF staff. Armed with pencil, notebook, and camera, she is rapidly becoming oriented to this first full-time job.

Miss McIntosh majored in English literature at her college in Caldwell and was on the staff of the campus paper, "The Coyote," during her freshman and senior years. During summer vacation she has done secretarial work and assisted in a teaching program for Mexican-born farm workers. Asked about hobbies, she answered with a question: "Where are the nearest ski slopes?" Miss McIntosh has already enrolled in an evening French class and in her spare time bones up on Naval terminology and customs.

New Hospital Has First Surgery

The new hospital is in the midst of many firsts. The first operation was performed in the Main Operating Room at 0800, 14 October. The patient was ETR3 Ronald Van Sant, USN. The surgeons were CDR R. L. Bouterie and CAPT Gale Clark.

The last patient to undergo surgery in Building 105, old Surgery II was PC3 Donald Butler, USN, who was operated on at 0630, 14 October. The surgeon was LCDR W. W. Hurlman.

LIFE BEGAN 12 September for Dawn Diane Reed, 6 lb. 9½ oz., daughter of HM2 John T. Reed of NPRL and his wife Debbie . . . 30 September for Michael Anthony Hess, 7 lb. 13 oz., son of HM2 Jerry L. Hess of PT and wife Catherine . . . 5 October for Christian Shorey, 8 lb. 6½ oz., son of LCDR James W. Shorey, Jr., Medical Service, and wife Elizabeth . . . 12 October for Traci Woods, 7 lb. 11 oz., fourth daughter, eighth child of LT A. O. Woods, MSC administrative resident, and wife Tomasina . . . 15 October for Elizabeth Quitalig, 6 lb. 7½ oz., daughter of DT1 William Quitalig and wife Arnette . . . 17 October for David Antille, 5 lb. 11 oz., son of HN David L. Antille of NP School and wife Beverly . . . and on 22 October for Carolyn Gaye, 7 lb. 5½ oz., daughter of LCDR William R. Gail of Pediatrics and wife Sharon.



The distinguished faculty of the recent OB-GYN Symposium included: front row, left to right: CAPT James P. Semmens, Dr. James A. Merrill, Dr. John T. Queenan, and Admiral Irons, who greeted the guests; middle row: LCDR J. N. O'Brien, CDR J. F. Wurzel, Dr. Karol Hok, LT William J. Hoskins. Back row: LT Robert E. Mastin, CDR J. C. Robins, LCDR B. E. Taylor, LCDR J. B. Edwards, and LCDR R. H. Fair.



Sharing honors when the Commandant presented the 12ND Trophy to Admiral Irons, are those who helped to earn it. Front row; left to right: HM2 Larry Stiles, LCDR Tom Carson, HMCM James Bull, HNs Charlene Metrano and Josie Martin, HM2 Willie Ward, RADM Leo B. McCuddin, ADM Irons, LCDR Robert Middlekauff, HM3 Chris Johnston, LT Susan Haberkorn. Back Row: Ron Brown, HN Rick Fuller, LCDR Phil Vogt, DKC Adam Demello, LCDR Larry Nelson, LT Dan Kelly, HM2 Leonard Martin, HN Diane Jacobson, HM1 Larry Webb, DTC Roger Naylor, and TJG Bill Lekvold.

Scenes From the Sidelines . . .

By RON BROWN

Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, will host its Seventh Annual Invitational Wrestling Tournament 13 and 14 December.

The entry fee is \$2.00 per man. The tournament is open to all officer and enlisted personnel, with individual and team trophies for first and second places in each division. Entries will be accepted until 1000 Friday, 13 December.

Weigh-in will be from 0800 to 1000 Friday 13 December, with matches beginning at 1300 Friday and 1000 Saturday. The finals are scheduled for 1900 Saturday.

Call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 2350 for further information.

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WANTED—An equipment manager for the station Varsity Basketball team. Duties will consist of checking out uniforms at game time and keeping track of all equipment. May also include keeping score at the games, if person is capable.

Call Director of Athletics, Ron Brown, at Ext. 2350 for further information.

Try-outs for the Varsity Basketball team will begin in mid-November. They are open to all officer and enlisted male personnel attached to the Oak Knoll command.

The 12ND League will have its first games 2 December and will run through the 12ND Championship Tournament on 27 January 1969. Games will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of each week.

For further information, call Ron Brown, Director of Athletics, Ext. 2350.

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The Intramural Basketball Tournament will start the first week in December.

All active military personnel stationed at Oak Knoll may participate; so departments should begin forming teams now.

Entry blanks will be sent to all departments prior to the start of the league.

Further information is available from Director of Athletics, Ext. 2350.

What's Special at Special Services

Lack of space prevents listing all the discounts available to Knoll personnel at local events. Information is available from Special Services, Ext. 2477, along with further information on:

Coming Events

Sunday: 1300, Clinical Assembly. The "Polk a Dots," swinging trio, brought to the Knoll by Chuck Adams.

Sunday: 1500, Clinical Assembly. Russian Folk Ensemble. See photograph, page 2.

Saturday, 2 November: 1300, Hospital Picnic Grounds. Second Annual Venison Barbeque. Johnny White of the Hall of Horns will be the civilian coordinator again this year. Outstanding entertainment and "mystery" celebrities will be on hand. Don't miss this!

Sunday, 3 November: "The Marino Tapia Dancers," direct from the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico, presented by Chuck Adams.

Monday, 4 November: Lake Tahoe trip, with refreshments, dinner and floor show, all free to patients and staff.

8 November through 11 November: All expense-paid week-end trip to Sacramento for 20 patients, for a pheasant hunt, Marine Corps Ball, and Veteran's Day Banquet.

Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 November: 20 patients and staff will go to Bethel Island, staying overnight on house-boats, for a fishing trip and "Reno Night," free.



Displaying handsome trophies they received for winning first place in the softball tournament are members of the PT/OT team. Standing, left to right: HM3s James Mader and Dennis Cahoon, ENS Terry Hoobler, ENS Paul Bonarrigo, and LTJG Robert Zila. Kneeling, left to right: HM2s Ray Fenton and Barry Neill, HN David Sherrill, and HM1 Edmund Niece. Transferred before presentation of the trophies were HM2 John Epping and HN John Anthony.



Members of the ENT/Pharmacy/Disbursing team—winners of the second place trophies for the softball tournament—pose with Admiral Irons. Standing, left to right, are: Admiral Irons, HM1 William Anders, HM2 John Grillot, HNs Mike Lacy and Lyle Banks, HM2s Leonard Martin and Mike Nicholson. Kneeling, left to right: LTJG Ken Kneebone, DKC Adam Demello, HN Chuck Jantzen, and HM3 Robert Keadle. Missing members of the team are CPL Miles Davis, HM3 Bob Edmonds, HN Dave Moffitt, and HMC Colonel Surratt.



THE DEERSLAYERS: CPL Richard D. Mitchell, left, of Jal, New Mexico, finds this a handy way to hunt. LT Frank Stokes, USMC, center, of Falfurrias, Texas, poses with two Humboldt hunters. Flanked by part of the bag are PFC Theodore M. Aguilera, of Riverside, California, and L/CPL Mark C. Halliday, Garden Grove, California. Local nimrods are still talking about the week-end they bagged 29 bucks. —Photos by M. A. Finan, Arcata.

The Signal is "Smile"



Oak Knoll patients greeted two Oakland A's with smiles and jokes 9 October. They also congratulated pitcher "Jumbo" Jim Nash, whose baby boy was born 8 October. HMC F. L. Golden introduced the A's to patients. Standing, from left: Catcher Dave Duncan, pitcher Nash, Chief Golden. Seated, from left: CPL Pat Baddgor, Davenport, Iowa, and L/CPL Wayne Wood, Anamosa, Iowa.

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Advantages of G.I. Home Loans Listed

In addition to advantages of low or no down payment, a generally lower interest rate and longer mortgage period, G.I. home loans offer eligible veterans the right to pay off their loans at any time without a penalty, VA Manager, Gordon Elliott, today reminded prospective veteran home purchasers and present G.I. home owners.

Since the VA first started guaranteeing veterans' home loans in 1944 under the World War II G.I. Bill, nearly 7,000,000 home loans valued at about \$70 billion have been made. Of this number, nearly half—or 3,230,000 loans in the amount of \$25 billion—have been repaid in full. In Northern California approximately 376,051 home loans valued at \$4,307,264,936 have been made.

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The Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program pays you a 10 percent return on your investment.

Baby Boy Welcomed By Chilean Couple

It's a boy for BM2 Francisco Cardenas of the Chilean Navy and 7 West! The baby tipped the scales at 7 lb. 1½ oz. on arrival 12 October, and he and his mother Veronica are both doing nicely. As for the father, he is standing tall and walking well on his new prosthetic right leg.

The baby, named Ordellana Francisco Dagoberto, was also welcomed by a five-and one half-year-old brother, Marcus.

Vets' Administration Benefits 94 Million

Benefits for more than 94 million veterans and dependents of veterans are administered by the Veterans Administration. Included are more than 1500 widows and children of Civil War veterans, two Indian Wars veterans and approximately 250 dependents, more than 10,000 Spanish-American War veterans and 50,000 dependents, more than a million World War I veterans and almost 600,000 dependents, 1.7 million World War II veterans and a million dependents, almost 250,000 Korean Conflict veterans and 150,000 dependents.

The 25.8 million veterans now in civil life range in age from teenagers to over 90. Their average age is 44 years, according to the Veterans Administration.

Reenlistments



HMC Efren T. Tatad of the Chemical Investigation Center was sworn in by Admiral Irons when he recently reenlisted for another four years.

Chief Tatad has been in the Navy 13 years and 11 months. His home of record is Pasay City, P.I.

Another recent reenlistment is that of HM1 Arden C. Short, instructor in the Laboratory Technicians' School, Short, originally from Belpre, Ohio reenlisted for four years.

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Give yourself a present every month by buying U.S. Savings Bonds.

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The right to vote is part of your American heritage. Take advantage of it during this national election year.



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Admiral Irons pins the Bronze Star on LCDR Bryan C. Crafts and HM3 Miles E. Constantine, and at right, LCDR Bettye G. Nagy receives a Letter of Commendation for Vietnam service.

Chapel of Hope To Be Dedicated

RADM J. W. Kelly, CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains, will deliver the principal address when the Chapel of Hope of the new hospital is dedicated 27 November.

CAPT C. J. Merdinger, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of the Western Division, Naval Facilities, Engineering Command, will present the Chapel to Admiral Irons in a ceremony in the Clinical Assembly, where part of the dedication program will take place. The Twelfth Naval District Band will present the prelude and postlude.

The dedication and Chief of Chaplains' visit precede by one day the 193rd anniversary of the Chaplains' Corps.

Birthday Cake-cutting For Marines Today

LTGEN Herman Nickerson, Jr., USMC, will be aboard today to oversee festivities in honor of the 193rd Birthday of the Marine Corps. At a special ceremony in the Auditorium, Community Services Building, General Nickerson will cut a birthday cake and read the Commandant's Birthday Message. Then the general will return to the hospital to visit patients unable to attend the ceremony.

Wards to Vie for Prizes in Yule Decorating Contest

Something new has been added to the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee plans for Oak Knoll's holiday celebration.

While the Committee decorates the main gate, chapels, lobbies, and auditoriums, patient care units will vie with each other to see which can produce the best results with Christmas decorations provided by the VHCC.

Identical packages of decorations, including Christmas trees, will be delivered to day rooms of

Marine Corps Commandant Sends Greetings

This 10th of November 1968 marks the 193rd anniversary of the founding of our corps. Conceived in a period of crisis, Marines ever since have stood ready to defend the Republic. We do so today.

Our success derives from the sweat and blood of the Marines who preceded us. We see the value of this heritage reflected in the combat record of our forces in Vietnam.

To those past Marines who have made the corps what it is—the finest fighting force the world has ever seen—we pay our everlasting respect. To those wearing the uniform today, I say, "Well done: Continue the march."

Our corps lives in the hearts and minds of Marines—Regular, Reserve, Retired—throughout the world. To them, and to their families on this very special day, I send my personal greetings and best wishes.

Leonard F. Chapman Jr.,
General USMC,
Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Five Knoll Marines Selected for Promotion

Five Oak Knoll Marine first lieutenants, four of them patients, have been selected by a Washington, D.C. board for promotion to Captain.

Congratulations are due Francis

Doctor, HM3 Earn Bronze Star

Seven awards, including two Bronze Star Medals, were presented to staff members at the 25 October inspection.

LCDR Bryan C. Crafts received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam while serving as Senior Anesthesiologist of the Third Medical Battalion, Third Marine Division, from 31 August 1967 to 26 August 1968. "Exhibiting technical skill and competence unusual in a man of his rank and experience, he consistently provided his command with outstanding support. Working tirelessly and with meticulous attention to detail, he frequently administered to two patients simultaneously during periods of greatly increased activity . . . He reorganized and enhanced the efficiency of all resuscitation equipment and procedures utilized in the triage area, greatly increasing the effectiveness of his unit. In addition LCDR

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Sailor of Month Program Begins

Admiral Irons has announced a new program to give recognition to outstanding staff corpsmen.

All enlisted personnel Second Class and below will be judged as to their performance of duty and attitudes, and a special committee will choose a **Sailor of the Month** each month. In July of each year the twelve Sailors of the Month for the previous fiscal year will compete for **Sailor of the Year**.

Senior Petty Officers will be given special recognition semi-annually, during the months of June and December, for their leadership abilities and contribution to the Command.

Chiefs of Services and Divisions will make the nominations.

HN Mason to Lead Parade

HN Dennis Mason, amputee patient from Sacramento, will serve as Grand Marshall for the Veterans' Day Parade in his home town. Mason and 20 other patients will be entertained for the week end by Sacramento residents. Their plans include a pheasant hunt, several banquets and attendance at the Marine Corps Ball Saturday evening, in addition to the parade Sunday.



This Marine "bearly" knows what to say upon receiving his first genuine "bear hug!" In fact, PFC Richard Walker of Napa, Calif., had no comment when asked his reaction to the friendly greeting, which occurred during a visit to Disneyland by 18 Knoll patients 23-25 October. Additional photo and story on page 4.

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ON NOT SEEING GHOSTS

Halloween has come and gone, and unless you have small children around your house the day probably received scant notice. My daughter, who is three, decided she wanted to be a ghost and go trick-or-treating with the neighbor children, but balked at the idea of wearing an old sheet over her head. It seems that ghosts on television don't dress that way anymore. Ah, the day is not what it used to be.

The time was that any self-respecting ghost wouldn't be caught dead (pardon the pun) without his sheet. It was a time for haunting and all kinds of devilment. Today's trick-or-treating is rather mild by comparison. All manner of havoc and destruction were wrought in the old days on Halloween. It was all an inactment of what went on or what was supposed to go on in much earlier times. We laugh at ghosts and witches on TV today, but to our ancestors they were no laughing matter. They were manifestations of the devil himself or his power, and were quite respectfully feared.

Modern man is too sophisticated to believe in such today, or to allow fear to grip him as it once did at the thought of such aberrations. It was skeptics who slowly turned Halloween from a night of fear to one of fun. This serves to point up two mistakes that man has always made in regard to evil, whatever form it might have taken. He has either ignored it or tried to minimize it. Or else he has seen it in the wrong place where it did not exist.

But in our sophistication we should not forget that although evil does actually exist, a God of grace and forgiveness also exists. And just as men have always found release from that which has bound them in fear and distrust so they can today. Through the God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

—LT James M. Rigler, CHC, USNR

Reenlistments



CS1 Dudley Vernon McMains (left), Assistant Patient Care Coordinator, has reenlisted for four years. He was sworn in by Admiral Irons, Friday, 18 October. McMains, who has been in the Navy for 24 years, is originally from Las Animas, Colo.

Another recent reenlistment is that of HM2 Roy D. Coghe (right), a PMT student. Coghe also reenlisted for four years. He is from Tampa, Fla., and has been in the Navy since April, 1963.

HELP!

No boxee, no wrappee!

Boxes needed desperately! Annually, the Officers' Wives' Club and the Red Cross staff a gift wrapping desk and wrap gifts at no charge to patients, with materials supplied by Special Services. But this service cannot continue without boxes, and here there is a shortage.

Any extra gift boxes of any size may be left at either the Special Services office in Building 38, or in the Red Cross Volunteer Office, Room 4-5-1, on the fourth deck of the new hospital. The boxes are needed as soon as possible for the service to begin 2 December.

Scuttlebutt

A WELL DONE to HM3 Doug Meadows of StaffPers, whose quick action probably saved the life of a two-year-old child who fell from the back seat of the car ahead of his in the heavy, fast-moving traffic of Nimitz Freeway. Meadows was heading for home in San Jose when he saw the child fall. He slammed on the brakes, scooped up the child, carried her to her parent's car and stayed with her until an ambulance arrived. According to news reports of the incident, the two-year-old girl sustained only a broken arm, "thanks to an unidentified sailor."

HALLOWEEN IS GONE but not forgotten, especially by those who saw HN Pat Muse strolling about the EM Club as Marie Antoinette—be-headed. Pat's mother made the prize-winning costume and sent it here from Pennsylvania. Pat carried the ill-fated monarch's head in her hand all evening—sort of uncomfortable, but it paid off. The prize was a gold and diamond Bulova watch. At the same staff party HM2 Billy W. Frizell won a first by coming as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. HM1 and Mrs. Fred Matthews, as an Indian and his squaw, took the prize for best married couple, and HMC Charles Hanna, a clown, took the "funniest" prize. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

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In 1915, only one percent of the total civilian population aged 18 years or more were veterans. Today, according to the Veterans Administration, one out of five in this age group are veterans.



Who can imagine a more pleasant fate than to be surrounded by these three pretty and friendly TWA Flight Hostesses? L/CPL Larry R. Thomas seems to adjust rather well to such a fate. The visit to Marine patients was arranged by BRIGEN Russell A. Bowen, USMCR, retired, now an executive for TransWorld Airlines. The general and Addie Guarino are on Thomas' left, while he smiles at Janie Howe, and Kathy Grant, far right.



The "newest thing" in surgical fashions is modeled by LTJG Mary Brown (right). Stepping aside to admit progress is HM3 Brenda Johnson, in an "old-fashioned" scrub gown.

Fashion Innovations Hit Surgical Ward

Even the clothes are new in the new hospital. In surgery, female staff no longer wear long scrub gowns, but new convenient close-fitting suits with cuffed pants and comfortable overblouses.

The change to "pantsuits" wasn't really a fashion innovation, but another step in the modernization of operating room procedures. The new pantsuits, by covering more skin surface, minimize the chance of bacteria spread. The idea was suggested by the Infection Committee and has proved quite successful, because the uniforms are not only more sanitary but also more comfortable and allow more maneuverability. The idea originated in Australia five to six years ago, but despite this availability, CDR Janet Redgate, Operating Room Supervisor believes they are being worn here for the first time in a Navy hospital.

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You can't stop on an icy dime.

Benefit Fashion Show Will Equip Rec Hall

"Holiday Fashions" is the theme set for a benefit luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Chabot Women's Service Group 2 December. It will be held at the Willow Park Country Club, 17097 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, with a no-host cocktail hour beginning at 1100 and luncheon at 1230. A number of Oak Knoll officers' wives will serve as models. The luncheon proceeds will help to equip a new recreation hall for patients at the hospital. Area women who want to attend this gala event may purchase tickets from Mrs. Albert Del Masso, 568-1971, or Mrs. Murray Montgomery, 562-2022.

Latest in Wig Styles At O' Wives Meeting

Officers' Wives' Club November Luncheon will feature a wig show with wigs from Sallee's of Oakland, and club members as models. The luncheon will be held 13 November at 1130. It will cost \$2.00.

Eight Staff Enjoy Navy Day Luncheon

Eight enlisted staff men enjoyed the Annual Navy Day Luncheon at the Commercial Club in San Francisco 25 October. The men attending were HMCM James W. Bull; HM2s Larry W. Stiles, James R. Rickards, and Jack L. Mossman; HM3s Martin L. Marrojo and David D. Thompson; HM1 William H. Anders, and DT1 Larry D. Webb.



Know Your Staff



Weldon Miles is a friendly new addition to the laboratory staff. As the new Hematology Supervisor, Mr. Miles guides the technician students in their work while accomplishing his own.

Mr. Miles has lived in the area for five years, having moved here from Oklahoma. He worked as Chief Technologist at the Martinez VA Hospital from October of 1963 to May of 1968.

Langston University at Langston, Okla., is Mr. Miles' alma mater. He spent his one-year internship at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the California Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

Mr. Miles finds the Bay Area a convenient and friendly place to work and live, with many activities nearby to interest him. He likes to play and watch football and basketball, and he and his wife Patricia enjoy bowling. ("Even if she's not too good!")

The Miles have a five-year-old daughter, Deirdre Marie, and a dog, Jacques. Mrs. Miles is a personnel clerk at Treasure Island.



BT3 Albert Palardy, of New Bedford, Mass., would surely confirm the judges' decision after meeting lovely Troas Hayes, the current Miss California, who visited with patients Sunday 27 October. Miss Hayes gave each of the men an autographed Polaroid picture of herself.

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High school training taken under the G.I. Bill does not reduce eligibility for advanced training.

Medals for Staff

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Crafts conducted a comprehensive training program for corpsmen and personally managed all inhalation therapy equipment essential for post-operative care of patients," the citation stated.

HM3 Miles E. Constantine received the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving as a corpsman with F Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Third Marine Division.

"On 7 April 1968 his company came under intense mortar, small arms, and automatic fire and sustained numerous casualties. Although seriously wounded Constantine unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain and began to administer medical treatment to his injured companions . . . His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and contributed significantly to the welfare and safety of the wounded Marines," the citation read.

LCDR Richard P. Wagner received the Navy Commendation Medal for his service with Marine Aircraft Group Thirty-Six, First Marine Aircraft Wing. He helped to establish a vigorous medical program, worked tirelessly to implement the Medical Civic Action program



in Sam Hai Village, which enhanced relations with the Vietnamese civilians in the area. Dr. Wagner's work in combatting malaria and improving immunization techniques was exemplary. His steadfast determination and tireless efforts earned the respect and admiration of all who served with him and contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission," the citation stated.

LCDR Bettye G. Nagy, NC, received a Letter of Commendation for service at the Station Hospital, Naval Support Activity, DaNang, where her "excellent performance of duty, particularly during the TET Offensive, under arduous living and working conditions in an advanced combat area made a significant contribution to the command's mission."

LCDR Gary C. Graham received a Letter of Appreciation for service as Medical Officer of the USS DIXIE, flagship of the Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

HM2 Bruce Butters was thanked for his service with the Preventive Medicine Section on the Mariana Islands.

At the inspection Admiral Irons also presented HM2 Erna Beth E. Theodores her first Good Conduct Medal.

At an earlier inspection, heretofore unpublished, LCDR Marion W. McCoy, CHC, USNR, received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious achieve-

ment while serving as Protestant Chaplain at the Station Hospital, DaNang, from April 1967 to March 1968. "Chaplain McCoy worked tirelessly to enhance the spiritual and physical welfare of patients hospitalized from enemy action. . . . His kindness, interest, and overall care relieved the combat wounded and other patients of their fears and anxieties, and his letters of gratitude to organizations in the United States for their gifts to the patients enhanced the Navy image. By his personal dedication, wise counsel and inspiring devotion to duty, LCDR McCoy upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service," the citation stated.

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You can't regulate the weather, but you can your driving.

Editorial

A Day To Remember

On 11 November 1918, at 5:00 a.m. Paris time, representatives of the government of Germany, the most powerful of the Central Powers engaged in World War I, signed an armistice of 35 clauses, the most severe and drastic ever demanded from a major power.

At 11:00 a.m. that same day, the battlefields fell silent, hostilities ended, and for the first time in four years, the world was at peace. World War I was over!

Historians of the time dubbed World War I as "the war to end all wars." Those of us now in uniform know only too well that such was



not the case. First came World War II, then Korea and now Vietnam.

The strife, conflict and tension the world has endured in the intervening fifty years may have dimmed the significance of World War I for many of us.

But 11 November is still a day to be remembered.

Until 1954, Americans celebrated 11 Nov. as an observance of the end of World War I. But then the Congress of the United States amplified the meaning of the holiday, designating it Veterans Day—a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States.

Veterans Day is a day when all Americans should pause a moment in recollection and prayer.

By making just this simple observance before going on with our normal holiday activities, we will have paid proper homage to the millions of Americans, past and present, living and dead, who have courageously served their country.

It is also a day for those of us who now serve—the veterans of tomorrow—to rededicate ourselves to the principles of freedom and human dignity for which our comrades-in-arms throughout America's history have fought and died. (AFPS)

Hospital in Final Steps of Move; Four Areas Yet to be Transferred

This week has seen the completion of most of the moving-in procedure for the new hospital, with only four more areas still to be occupied. The OB/GYN service and the medical wards were moved in last week. OB/GYN is on the eighth floor, along with the Delivery Rooms and the Nursery, and the medical wards are on the ninth floor.

The four areas yet to be moved are the Medical Library, the medical storeroom, the patients' bag room, and the Navy Exchange snack bar. These moves should be completed sometime this month.

Late in November demolition of surrounding buildings should begin. This will make room for parking facilities and landscaping.



At an inspection held some time ago but heretofore unpublished, LCDR Marion W. McCoy, CHC, right, received the Navy Commendation Medal for Vietnam service. Others honored were, from left, HM2 Clark Ferrell and QM2 George Rees, who received the Good Conduct Medal, and UT1 Charles G. Fullkrug, who received the Purple Heart.



Sixteen new commanders received their promotions last week. Eleven of the new commanders seem elated about this promotion as they pose for this picture. First row, from left: Daniel M. Joseph, Robert K. Middlekauff, James N. O'Brien, George C. Bonertz, Harvey J. Widroe, and Allan I. Newman. Second row: Darrell H. Hunsaker, Howard E. Shute, James C. Mickle, Harry R. Kormos, and Douglas M. Enoch.

New commanders not in the photograph are John P. Clune, Ralph T. McLaughlin, Richard F. Noble, Wilfred L. Williams, and Jephtha T. Boone.



Twenty-four of the 29 recently-promoted lieutenant commanders pose for a picture with Admiral Irons after acceptance of their new ranks. They are, front row, from left: Thomas D. Utterback, Paul E. Cianci, Michael R. Lachowicz, Paul T. Di Gaudio, Gary C. Graham, James J. Houser, Admiral Irons. Second row: Ricardo J. Trevino, Daniel C. Minton, Edward G. Morhauser, William J. Fors, Jr., Ralph B. Hanahan, Orville D. Wilson, Jr. Third row: Martin E. McKenney, Walter V. R. Vieweg, Charles N. Reed, III, Frank A. Munden. Fourth row: William D. Roche, Jr., Wendelin W. Schaefer, Lawrence E. Nelson, Frederick H. Gerber, Maurice L. Moskowitz, John A. Parrish, Robert B. Steiner, and Richard P. Wagner.

New lieutenant commanders not in the photograph are: Larry H. Adams, Robert B. Brigden, James B. Edwards, III, Stanley A. Englund, Michael A. O'Keefe, Richard H. Fair, Dennis M. Jurczak, Philip J. W. Vogt.

What's Special In Special Services

The month of November should be busy for many Knoll patients. 8 November: Twenty patients are in Sacramento.

12 November: Bob Streeter will host 41 patients at South Lake Tahoe for a cocktail show and refreshments.

15 November: Refreshments and entertainment will be provided for 25 patients and staff at the Eagles in Alameda.

16 November: A dance and refreshments for 15 patients at the Channel Chargers—CB Club of Vallejo.

13 & 14 November: Overnight trip to Bethel Island for a houseboat fishing trip and Reno night for 15 patients, sponsored by the Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce.

23 November: Pheasant Hunt to Tracy for 10 patients, courtesy of Tracy Chamber of Commerce.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

10 November: Clinical Assembly. The Edenaies Barbershop Quartet, a comic group, and the Royal Canadian Bagpipe Band, presented by Chuck Adams.

17 November: The Silvertones, an outstanding singing group, will be brought to the Knoll by Chuck Adams.

Thanks are due the Trade Club for a floor show, dinner and refreshments for ten patients 23 October at the Claremont Hotel, and the Lake Merritt Lodge for hosting ten patients at their 26 October Halloween Party.

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Watch for coverage of the 2 November barbecue in next issue.



Four Oak Knoll patients pause during their visit to Disneyland to gaze at this peaceful scene of a Mississippi river boat on the lazy river in Frontierland. This was one facet of their busy, exciting trip to Southern California, where they were hosted by the 29th District American Legion.

Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm Highlights of Orange County Visit

Three very busy days were enjoyed by 18 Knoll patients 23-25 October. Residents of Orange County entertained the men, who stayed at the Caravan Inn as guests of owner Harry Goldberger.

Hosts for the outing itself were the 29th District American Legion. During their stay the men visited Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm (where they were greeted by and dined with Walter Knott), Melodyland, Buena Park's Movieland Wax Museum, the Museum of the Air,

and an antique car show. They were honored at banquets by the Anaheim Elks, the Los Alamitos American Legion, and the Garden Grove Elks.

The trip was coordinated by the California State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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The last Mexican War veteran survived for 81 years after that war; the last Civil War veterans, Union and Confederate, lived on to 90 and 93 years, respectively.

Scenes from the Sidelines

BY RON BROWN

As of 31 October, the Oak Knoll Men's and Women's bowling teams were both in sixth place in the 12ND League. One member of the men's team, HN Terry J. Smith, has the second highest average in the league, and has bowled four 200 games—more than any other man so far.

Members of the team and their averages are SN Richard B. Cooper, 156; DTC Roger H. Naylor, 161; HM1 Dan C. McGill, 164; DKC Adam D. Demello, 168; Smith, 185; and HMC Richard J. Hinds, 176. McGill has bowled two 200 games and Hinds, one.

Today is the deadline for entries into the Twelfth Naval District Men's Badminton Tournament to be held 13-15 November at NAS Moffett Field, at 1900. Call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 2477 now!

The Twelfth Naval District Women's Badminton Tournament will be held 18-19 November at the NAS Alameda gymnasium at 1900. The deadline for entries is 12 November, so call the Director of Athletics at Ext. 2477 right away for entry information.

There will be a clinic for wrestlers 26 November at 1930, at NAVSTA Treasure Island, and tournaments start at later dates: 5 December, 1930 at NAS Alameda, 11 December, 1930, at SFBNSY-San Francisco, and 13-14 December at 1000 Mare Island.

The Intramural Basketball season starts the week of 2 December. There is still room for more entries, and time to enter, but hurry. Call Ron Brown, Director of Athletics at Ext. 2477, before 1200 18 November.

Two matches are scheduled in the Twelfth Naval District Invitational Boxing Tournament: 4 December, 1930, at the NAVSTA Treasure Island, and 11 December, 1930, at the Coast Guard Alameda. Call Ext. 2477 for information.

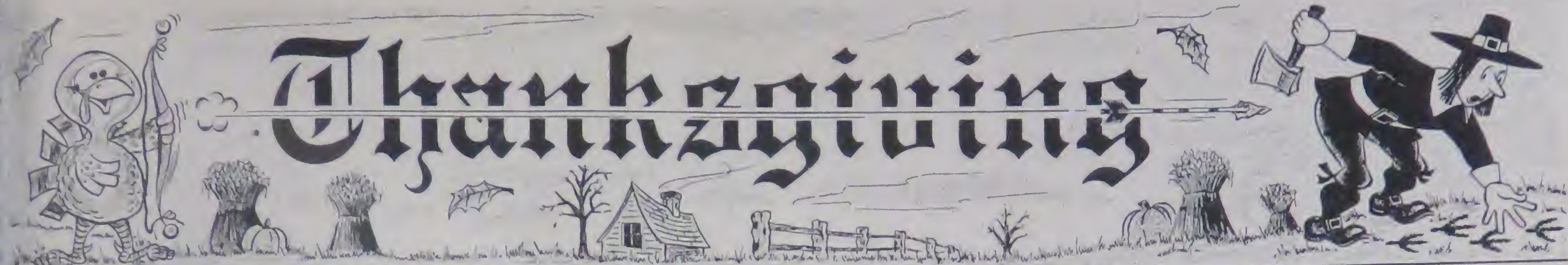
The 12ND Handball Tournament is coming soon. Better start working. The tournament will run from 10 February to 14 February, 1969, at NAS Alameda, all matches to be played during the day.

The first four winners in the 12ND will advance to the West Coast All Navy Regionals.

The Oak Knoll varsity basketball team needs more players. Call Ron Brown, Athletic Director, at Ext. 2477, for information about try-outs.

The first league game is 2 December at NAS Moffett Field at 2000. The team will play on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays through 23 January.

Thanksgiving



De Anna Robison, shown with mother, Jo Ann, left, was the first baby born in the new delivery suite. Jennifer Margaret Lichtenegger, with her mother, Joyce, at right, was the last baby born "officially" in the old maternity ward. Both arrived 6 November.

Confusion Reigns in Contested Race For 'First' and 'Last' Baby Title

The first-born daughters of Army Sp4 and Mrs. Calvin R. Robison and Naval Reserve LT and Mrs. Larry J. Lichtenegger automatically became celebrities when they were born here 6 November.

De Anna Robison, who weighed 8 lbs. 10½ oz., when she checked in at 1343, was the first baby born in the shiny new eighth-floor delivery suite.

Jennifer Margaret Lichtenegger, weighing 7 lb. 4 oz., was the last baby born in the old maternity ward, birthplace of more than 50,000 children of service families. She arrived at 0639, just 21 min-

utes before the scheduled move began.

But De Anna's "first baby" and Jennifer's "last baby" titles have both been challenged.

Way back on 27 October at 1752, James A. Trabue, Jr., 7 lb. 5 oz. son of U.S. Army S/SGT and Mrs. James A. Trabue arrived rather unexpectedly in the Emergency Room of the new building. Young James was taken by courier to the old newborn nursery, while his mother, Astrid, was moved by ambulance to the old maternity ward.

And late Wednesday night, 6 (Continued on Page 3)

HM3 Read of Inhalation Therapy Selected as Sailor of Month

HM3 Vernon Read, of Scottsburg, Ore., has been chosen SAILOR OF THE MONTH for November 1968, in recognition of his outstanding performance of duty in the Inhalation Therapy Department. He is the first Oak Knoll corpsman so honored.

"Your interest, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn, your technical competence, mature judgment, and ability to maintain excellent rapport with patients and staff have earned the respect of all your associates and have made you a highly valued member of our hospital team," the award stated. Read received 4.0 in all factors considered in nominating corpsmen for this honor.

Read entered the Navy 20 March 1967 and reported to Oak Knoll in January 1968.



HM3 VERNON READ

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Chief of Navy Chaplains to Deliver Chapel of Hope Dedication Address

The jewel-like Chapel of Hope on the third floor of the new hospital, where many patients, staff, and dependents have stopped to worship, will be dedicated at services scheduled for 1030, 27 November, with RADM James W. Kelly, CHC, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains, delivering the dedicatory address.

The service will begin in the Clinical Assembly, which has a capacity of 196, in contrast to the Chapel of Hope, which seats 40-50. A prelude by the 12ND Band will be followed by the posting of the colors. CAPT. H. E. Austin, CHC, Oak Knoll's Senior Chaplain, will give the invocation.

CAPT. C. J. Merdinger, CEC, Commanding Officer of the Western Divisional Naval Facilities Engineering Command, will present the Chapel to RADM E. P. Irons, Commanding Officer.

Following Admiral Kelly's dedicatory address, guests will move into the Chapel of Hope, where Rabbi J. J. Zucker will dedicate the Jewish Ark and CAPT H. J. Schnurr, CHC, 12ND Chaplin, will give the Litany of the Dedication of the Chapel.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, opening off the Chapel of Hope, will be dedicated by the Most Reverend M. J. Guilfoyle, D.D.

Oak Knoll's LCDR P. J. Durkin, CHC, will give the benediction.

Because of limited seating, attendance at the service is by invitation only.

The service the day before Thanksgiving also precedes by one day the 193rd Anniversary of the establishment of the Navy Chaplain Corps.

PSA PARTY IN THE SKY

Pacific Southwest Airlines has invited 100 patients to a Party-in-the-Sky Tuesday evening, 10 December. A 40-minute scenic flight over Northern California, complete with champagne, sandwiches, pretty stewardesses, and professional entertainment at the boarding lounge are on the agenda. Call 2477 for a reservation.



RADM James W. Kelly, CHC, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains will fly here from Washington to dedicate the Chapel of Hope next Wednesday morning. Since assuming his present duty, Admiral Kelly has expanded education and training opportunities for chaplains, enlarged and refined the lay leader program, and strengthened character education and moral leadership programs in the Navy. As for dedicating chapels, his job at Oak Knoll will be easy. On Christmas Day 1965, during his annual visit to Vietnam, he dedicated seven new chapels at Marine and Seabee camps and delivered seven sermons.

Chief Neurosurgeon Receives Dual Honors

CAPT Gale Clark attended the Western Neurosurgical Society meeting in Hawaii and on 18 November presented a paper entitled "Infection of the Nervous System with B. Anitratum."

Doctor Clark has been informed that he has been appointed an Associate Clinical Professor of Neurological Surgery at University of California Medical School, San Francisco, where he is also a Lecturer in Neuroanatomy.

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Thanksgiving Message

On Thursday, Nov. 28, 1968 our countrymen everywhere will celebrate the 347th anniversary of the first American Thanksgiving. On that same day Navy Chaplains will observe the 193d anniversary of the Chaplain Corps.

That these important observances should occur on the same day suggests that they have more in common than an occasional calendar intersection. And it is readily apparent that they do. They are both honored traditions deeply rooted in the history and the heritage of our nation. Both point to the source of our nation's material and spiritual strength by affirming that we are a nation under God, a people whose power derives from Divine Providence. Both provide special opportunity to acknowledge divine blessing and to thank the Great Provider for his gifts. That they should be observed on the same day adds depth and meaning to both celebrations.

On Thanksgiving Day this year Americans will add to a time honored tradition by giving thanks to God for personal and national health, for unmerited talents and for material abundance. On the Chaplain Corps anniversary Navy chaplains and friends of the Corps will give thanks for the opportunities and challenges which serve to measure their dedication and usefulness as servants of God. They will thank God for the special calling which enables them to serve Him by leading others in His service.

Let me suggest that the effectiveness of the prayers of all Americans will be enhanced if we enrich them with deeds true to our words. Let us acknowledge our blessings in the only way appropriate to undeserved gifts, by sharing them. Solicitous of the physical welfare of others, let us resolve to share our material abundance and, deeply concerned for their spiritual good, let us extend our efforts to bring the blessing of the knowledge and love of God to all peoples.

RADM JAMES W. KELLY, CHC, USN



Nathan S. Schlezinger, M.D. (center), Professor of Neurology, Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and Head of Neuro-ophthalmology Service, Wills Eye Hospital, was here 6 November as a guest consultant at the Neurology Staff Conference. He is pictured with LCDR Morris L. Lorber (left) of Neurology and CDR Victor M. Holm (right), Chief of Neuropsychiatry.

Russian Folk Ensemble

Four members of the Russian Folk Ensemble, who entertained patients and staff recently relax during intermission. They are, from left, Mrs. Lillian Rykoff, Mrs. Victoria Ford, Peter Ivanoff, and Nadya Anohin.



At the 8 November Marine birthday party, COL L. D. Grow, Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks, Treasure Island, serves a piece of cake to PVT Terry L. Ross, of Beaverton, Ore., 17, youngest Marine at the hospital. LCPL Mary Senior, stationed at Treasure Island, looks on. The oldest Marine at the hospital, SGTMAJ Roy V. Owen, of Monmouth, Ore., 45, shared honors at the cake-cutting. LTGEN Herman Nickerson, Jr., spoke to Marines gathered in honor of their corps' 193rd birthday.

Know Your Staff



In 1959, a student from Mills College came to the hospital to work with the occupational therapist. The therapist, in urging her to join the Navy, said, "Just think, some day you might be sitting at this very desk." LT Linda J. Davis remembered that prophetic comment when she returned to Bldg. 53 in August 1964.

Miss Davis, whose father was Chief of Surgery at the old San Leandro Naval Hospital from 1943 to 1946, benefited in several ways when she joined the Navy. Medical specialists (that section of the MSC including OT, PT, and dieticians), receive ensign's pay during their last year of schooling if they agree to remain in the Navy for two years following training. This enabled Lieutenant Davis to train at Hines VA Hospital in Chicago, the Meninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., the May T. Morrison Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco, and the Stanford Convalescent Home, before reporting to Naval Officers' School Command, Newport, R.I. Her first assignment was at NH, Philadelphia, whence she came to Oak Knoll.

As a Staff Occupational Therapist, Miss Davis organizes therapeutic exercises for patients with physical disabilities and for closed and open ward NP patients. She

A SAILORS PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
Grant no other sailor take,
My shoes and socks before I wake.
Lord guard me in my slumber,
And keep my hammock on it's
number.

May no clews or lashings break,
And let me down before I wake.
Keep me safely in thy sight,
And grant no fire drill tonight.
And in the morning, let me wake
Breathing scents of sirloin steak.
And God protect me in my dreams,
And make this better than it
seems.

Grant the time may swiftly fly,
When myself shall rest on high.
In a snowy feather bed,
Where I long to rest my head.
Far away from all these scenes,
And the smell of half baked beans
Take me back into the land,
Where they don't scrub down with
sand.

Where no demon typhoon blows,
Where the women wash the
clothes.

God thou knowest all my woes,
Feed me in my dying throes.
Take me back, I'll promise then,
Never to leave home again.

4 YEARS LATER

Our uncle who art in Washington,
Please dear uncle let me stay.
Do not drive me now away.
Wipe away my scalding tears,
And let me stay for thirty years.
Please forgive me all my past,
And things that happened at the
mast.

Do not my request refuse,
And let me stay another cruise.

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also supervises prosthetic arm training for activities of daily living.

Gourmet cooking and reading about Western American history are favorite pastimes of this fifth-generation Californian. She hopes some day to raise dogs, and has two Shetland sheepdogs (Shelties) now. A recent start on this career (five Sheltie-poops — mixture of Sheltie and Poodle!) was not intentional, according to the owner. No comment from the mother.



A little early for carols? Not for this kind! CPL Paul Matulich, of Chico, Calif., and GMG3 Peter Pini, of Santa Cruz, were rather surprised when this pumpkin and its four charming escorts arrived Halloween afternoon. But they soon joined the Red Cross Workers in some Halloween carols (courtesy of Peanuts) which the pumpkin evidently enjoyed. The girls are from left, Donna Marin, Maureen McGuire, Marcy Baxter, and Mrs. Sheila Briscoe. The pumpkin, along with four other such monsters, was supplied by Bay Cities Produce.



T. B. Jackson, a gardener in the Maintenance Division, receives his certificate and the congratulations of his division chief, LCDR W. J. McCorkle, CEC, upon successful completion of a training course in Disease Vector and Pest Control Technology. The certificate was forwarded to Mr. Jackson with the CO's congratulations on the high score he received in the course, given at NAS, Alameda.



HMC Fred Robert Munce salutes his fellow chiefs as he is piped ashore in the 1 November ceremony. Chief Munce, who owns a home in the area, plans to work for Owens Illinois Glass in San Leandro. Before his transfer to Fleet Reserve, the chief worked in NPRL.

Chief of OB-GYN Receives Honors

CAPT James P. Semmens, Oak Knoll's busy Chief of OB-GYN, recently returned from a lecture program at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. and took time to answer questions about several professional honors recently accorded him.

While at the 17th Annual Armed Forces Seminar on Obstetrics and Gynecology in San Diego 28-31 October, where he and other OB-GYN staff members delivered papers, Captain Semmens received the Chairman's Award and a \$250 stipend for Clinical Research from the Armed Forces District, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Captain Semmens was recently made Chairman of the Armed Forces District, and CDR John F. Wurzel Vice-Chairman of the Navy Section of the Armed Forces District of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

On 15 October, Dr. Semmens was awarded a scientific lectureship in Buffalo, N.Y. It was the Second W. Herbert Burwig Award, presented by the Continuing Medical Education division of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Also of interest is the fact that CDR Robert C. Cefalo, a former resident in OB-GYN at Oak Knoll, received an award and \$250 stipend at the San Diego Seminar.

Summer Employment Applications Available

Those who will be seeking summer employment should file under Announcement No. 414, which closes 1-30-69. Applicants must be 18 years of age or 16 and a high school graduate. The announcement covers all temporary appointments during the summer months. Copies are available from high school counselors, college placement officers, Civil Service Commission offices or major post offices.

More About Babies

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November (birthday of both the Robison and Lichtenegger babies), CPL Robert R. Madaris, US MC, unaware the move had taken place, rushed his wife, Sue, to the old ward, only to find it untenanted. Time was running out. The young husband raced to a nearby building and brought a doctor and nurse just in time to deliver his 8 lb. 5½ oz. son. Mother and baby Robert were immediately brought to the new hospital for admission, with the notation "BOA" (born on arrival).

LT Steven J. Schang, Jr., the intern on duty in ER, delivered the Trabue baby; LT R. E. Mastin delivered the Robison baby. LCDR J. B. Edwards, III, brought the Lichtenegger baby into the world and LCDR R. H. Fair the Madaris baby.

"First Baby" Robison's father is stationed at Oakland Army Base. "Last Baby" Lichtenegger's father is a Judge Advocate at Treasure Island, where Corporal Madaris is also assigned. Staff Sergeant Trabue is on duty at the Army Recruiting Office in Oakland.



HM3 HARRY L. TYLER

HM3 Commended For Viet Service

HM3 Harry L. Tyler, of Philadelphia, has received the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal Second Class and accompanying certificate in recognition of his outstanding performance in support of MEDCAP (Medical Civilian Affairs Program) and other Civic Action Programs during his tour of duty with U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TEN. He also received a letter of commendation from the Platoon Leader, 8th AA Platoon 29th Civil Affairs Company, Advisory Team 4 MACV, for his work with MEDCAP. The letter stated in part that Tyler "was instrumental in implementing Medcap programs and actually making them work. The good will generated among the people of South Viet Nam is immeasurable. This work is of great importance to the success of Allied forces in South Viet Nam."

Tyler reenlisted while working in his Battalion's medical aid station for Vietnamese citizens. When in Quang Tri he helped organize and worked with the civic action program at the Quang Tri orphanage in which the men devoted their spare time to improving the Vietnamese children's living conditions.

By way of thanks for his work Tyler also received a Vietnamese Government Proclamation, which he is in process of translating.

Enormous Feast Set For Thanksgiving

Both gourmets and gourmands should be pleased by this Thanksgiving's menu. Chilled fruit cup, tomato soup, saltines, and assorted relishes will precede roast turkey (with giblet gravy, dressing and cranberry sauce, of course!), grilled New York steak, baked Virginia ham, and jumbo butterfly shrimp. The list continues: snowflake potatoes, candied yams, buttered green beans, corn O'Brien, tossed green salad, rolls, followed by fruit cake, mince pie, and pumpkin pie, candy, and mixed nuts.

All dependents of Staff Military Personnel are invited to this repast. They will be charged the guest rate of 70¢ per person. Dinner will be served from 1100 to 1300 hours in the Officers' Dining Room (O' Club) and in the Main Dining Room, new hospital. For reservations, call 2491 prior to 1630, Tuesday, 26 November.

Campaign Closes; Over \$8,000 Donated

In the final wrap-up of the Combined Federal Campaign, CDR James C. Boudreaux, chairman, reports that \$8,000 has been donated this year, almost twice last year's receipts. About 60 percent of the donations were given by payroll deduction plan, to be deducted from next year's paychecks.

Thanks are due to eight departments who gave 100 percent. They are: the CO's office, Dental Service, the Chief Nurse's office, Laboratory Service, Pharmacy Service, Staff Military Personnel, the Chaplain's office, and Red Cross Personnel.

What's Special at Special Services

Call Special Services, at EXT 2477, for further information about these up-coming events.

23 November — Ten patients to Tracy for pheasant hunt.

25 November — Thirty patients to Knights' Landing for a pheasant hunt.

26 November—Forty patients and staff to San Leandro Elks for dinner, refreshments, and show.

28 November — Twenty-five patients to a Thanksgiving dinner and dance at El Sobrante Hall.

Seven patients and staff every 1½ hours from 1200-2000 for Thanksgiving dinner at the Pipers.

29 November — Twenty-five patients and staff will attend the Oakland Seals vs. Montreal Canadians Hockey game.

30 November — Thirty patients to a dance at Vallejo.

2 December—Seventeen patients and staff to a dinner, floor show and happy hour at the Claremont Hotel.

Special Services has some free tickets available for future Oakland Oaks Basketball games. See Chief Golden.

Thanks go to several organizations who entertained patients in October and November. To the citizens of Sacramento and the California Department of Veterans' Affairs, thanks for a week-end in which 20 patients enjoyed night clubs, pheasant hunt, Marine Corps Ball, Veterans' Day parade and a public banquet.

To the Peerless Stages for transportation and the Lake Tahoe Club for hospitality to 41 patients and staff who enjoyed a one day trip to Lake Tahoe for dinner and entertainment. Special thanks to sponsor Bob Streeter.

To the Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce and all the good citizens of Bethel Island for entertaining 29 patients who fished aboard houseboats.

To the Alameda Eagles who hosted 25 patients for dinner, entertainment, and refreshments.

And to the Channel Chargers C.B.'s of Vallejo, who sponsored a benefit dance which 16 patients attended. A check of over \$500 was donated to the recreation fund.

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Thanksgiving services will be held 28 November at 1000 in the Chapel of Hope. Catholic mass will be held at 1200 as usual.



UMBRELLAS protected venison steaks, buffalo burgers, potato salad, and patients (1) at the 2 November barbecue, but some hardy souls like Dick Lightner of Walnut Creek (left) and his drinking friend ignored the rain, concentrating on the top entertainment recruited by Ami Pellaton and emceed by Jim Lange of "Dating Game." (2) SGT Jesus Quintana and CPL Ray Bull collected autographs while PFC Frank White turned his attention to Hayward princess Terri Lorette. (3) A flower lei and a kiss from a pretty World Airways stewardess made PFC James Henderson forget his fractured malleolus. (4) And here is Johnny White of Hayward's Horns of the Hunter, who with Patti Springer of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, coordinated the event. (5) The Oakland Raiders' Big Jim Otto munches a piece of barbecued pheasant. Man on left, whoever you are, tell us your name and we'll print it in the next OAK LEAF. (6) Harold Haycock was the pleasant pheasant chef serving SGT Kang Lee. In the background, Walt Johnson of Hayward, LCPL Alfredo Hernandez. (7) Blue Moon Odom of the Oakland A's meets PFC Gilbert Borbon and PFC Homero Basaldua, while (8) the A's Sal Bando, left and Lew Krausse chat with FN William Davis and LCPL Alvin Woodcox.

The barbecue was the sequel to the Humboldt County hunting trip at which 18 Oak Knoll patients bagged 29 deer on the Humboldt County ranch of Roy Fulton, who was among those attending. The generosity and friendship of the good people of Humboldt County, the hunters observed, was matched by that of residents of Southern Alameda County, who went all out to make the cook-out an event to remember.



Graduates of the recent Lab 8412 class pose with their instructors after the ceremony: Front row, from left: LCDR Philip Vogt, HM1s James Duranceau and Arden Short, and CDR Melvin Borowsky, Chief of Laboratory Service. The students, standing, are: HN John Fowler, George Kennaugh, Thomas New, Paul Davis, and Charles Willeston.



Small classes are said to be better, and these two recent graduates of the EENT school can verify that theory. They are HN Carolyn B. Theurer, of Sheridan, Wyo., left and HM3 Michael P. Clauss, of Midland, Mich.

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Chaplain Kelly Dedicates Chapel To Curing, Caring for Humanity

Formal dedication services for the Chapel of Hope on the third deck were conducted on the day before Thanksgiving by RADM James W. Kelly, CHC, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains.

In his dedicatory address, before an invited assembly of 150, Chaplain Kelly pointed out the "close relationship between the healing arts and the shepherding of souls, between the ministry of curing and the ministry of caring."

After making symbolic reference to God as a physician, in His love for the infirm and the afflicted, and also as a shepherd in His relationship with His people, Chaplain Kelly applied the analogy to the functioning of the hospital. "Here, perhaps better than in any other setting, the relationship between the healing arts and the shepherding of souls is clearly identified. . . . Implementing divine

mercy in human affairs, both represent man's ministry to man."

Chaplain Kelly then outlined three basic necessities involved in man's ministry to man. He emphasized that those in the caring-curing professions need ". . . a working knowledge of man in his wholeness," "effective implementation of curing and caring skills, through coordinated teamwork," and finally, that those professionals "put quality into our curing and our caring."

In closing his address, the Chief of Chaplains assured, "Standing open, the doors of this chapel offer a silent invitation and a silent service. They beckon the patient to draw upon divine resources for healing the whole man."

Summing up a list of goals for which the chapel was opened, he said, "This chapel we dedicate to the care and cure of man and to the glory of God." Photo on Page 3.



Destruction yes, but constructive destruction in this case. Systematic demolition of old buildings around the new hospital will make room for parking space, more access roads, and landscaping. The building facing imminent death here is 40, A and B.

Photographer HM3 John Tinker

Decorating Contest Between Wards Will Open Holiday Festivities

Final preparations are being made for judging of the Christmas decorating contest, part of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee plans for Oak Knoll's holiday celebration.

Identical packages of decorations will be delivered to the day rooms of the new hospital active duty wards and to the outlying wards the weekend of 14 December. During the next week decorating may be done with staff assistance as desired.

At 0900, 20 December, judges will choose first and second place winners from among the main building wards on the basis of originality and artistic design. Duplicate awards will be given to winners of the outlying wards' competition, which will be judged

separately. The first prize will be a portable stereo with records and a traveling award plaque. Second prize will be a Polaroid camera and supply of film, along with a traveling plaque.

Two committees will be selected from the following list of judges: CAPT Henry A. Sparks, CDR Gladys Madsen, NC, HM1 Fred Matthews, HN Carol Disparti; two patients, M/SGT Russell Curtis, USMC, and FTM2 Rooney Everson; and two civilian employees, Miss Claire Martini, and Mrs. Betty Wimsby. The judging committee also will include two members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Stage Show, 22 December, in the Clinical Assembly.



"Johnny" Johnson receives a Letter of Commendation and personal thanks from Admiral Irons for his continuous work in developing recreational programs for hospitalized veterans.

CO Thanks VA Director for Service

James E. Johnson, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs for the State of California, was here 19 November to receive a Letter of Commendation from Admiral Irons for his outstanding contribution to the welfare of patients under treatment at Oak Knoll. Mr. Johnson has worked continuously to develop recreational programs for hospitalized veterans, encouraging California citizens to host groups of patients at hunting and fishing trips and other weekend outings which greatly enhanced the morale of patients.

Information published regularly in the Department of Veteran Affairs publication has resulted in greatly increased interest in our hospital and the welfare of our patients. Attention called to the new hospital's need for television sets brought donations which will enable the hospital to provide remote control television for every patient room in the hospital, the letter stated.

"Johnny," was thanked for his continuing personal interest in the hospital, demonstrated further by his participation in special events here.

Friendly Beagle, 'Chester,' Found Dead

Chester has gone to his happy hunting ground. His small black, tan, and white beagle body was found on 106th Avenue the week before Thanksgiving. The cause of his death and reason for his being so far from his usual haunts were unknown at presstime.

Like the character in "Gunsmoke" for whom he was named, Chester had one stiff leg—which may be why he checked in at Oak Knoll nearly five years ago (though at that time he made his headquarters at the NP Service). Staff orthopedists and Oakland veterinarians who volunteered their services agreed that Chester would not benefit from surgery.

Undaunted by his handicap, the little fellow wagged his way into the hearts of his fellow Knollites. On inspection days he lined up with the corpsmen. When Purple Hearts were awarded, he waited expectantly. Auditorium shows were sometimes poorly attended, but not by Chester. Well-known about town, he was mentioned in Bill Fiset's column in the OAKLAND TRIBUNE. The military writer for the SF CHRONICLE made an appointment for an interview but failed to keep it, which was probably just as well, for Chester was not sensational. He was just Chester.

A few special friends—HMCS Chuck Axworthy ("Just say he was a good dog."), Bob Bristol, SH2 Willie Fudge—fed him and took him home nights, but he was everybody's dog, and Oak Knoll won't be the same without him.

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SIGNS OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE

No couple just entering into a marriage is aware of anything but a desire to make the love that drew them together endure forever. Certainly the thought of ever "killing" that love in their partner is far from their minds. "Their love" will last. They want and expect "to live happily ever after."

Experience proves that this is not so easy as it sounds. There is a sense in which it is possible for a husband or wife to kill the love of their partner, sometimes even when they themselves think and say that their own love is still strong.

Experience also proves that communication between married partners makes possible an active and dynamic love. There are always some who seem to think that, once love has been pledged for life in the marriage ceremony, it can then be taken for granted. It need be given no very marked or continuing expression.

Wide experience proves that love must be communicated for a happy marriage. Some basic signs of marital love must be present to maintain a warm and happy marriage:

The sign of respect. Love cannot long survive the failure of a husband or wife to show, both in private and in the company or sight of others, genuine respect and esteem for his spouse. The rules of courtesy and politeness are a basic and important means of expressing love, and the avoidance of words and actions that imply or express disrespect is necessary to its survival.

The signs of words. Love between husband and wife needs and thrives on frequent assurances; it dwindles when it is rarely put into words. As small an item as this one seems, the ten thousand ways of expressed marital love, from "I love you" through the slight signs of sympathy and encouragement, keep the power to love and be loved alive.

The sign of gifts. One fairly accurate definition of love is "the desire to give." Thoughtful gifts between married partners most effectively express their love. Such gifts—as a surprise, inexpensive and unelaborate—are doubly appreciated assurances of "their love."

The sign of companionship. When keeping company and when first married, most couples cannot see enough of each other. Automatically they wish to give that sign of true love—to be with the one loved. It is strange, then, that some married partners, though still professing their love, after many years of marriage avoid each other's company almost whenever possible. They take some of their meals at the same table, sleep in the same room, and see each other long enough to discuss some of the essential issues that arise in their home. But they no longer give the important sign of love—seeking the companionship of the one they profess to love. Everyone is very familiar with the "golf" or "club" widow (widower?). They flee the responsibilities of love and so lose the gift.

The above considerations are some of the basic signs of love. They make possible marital love's communication. Human beings must love and be loved. Married partners lose the gift of love unused and then cannot give what they do not have.

LT COLIN E. SUPPLE, CHC, USNR

Assorted Notes of Interest

Slightly belated congratulations are due CDR James F. Rosborough Jr., Chief of Ophthalmology, on his election as president of the Society of Military Ophthalmologists for the ensuing year. Dr. Rosborough, who was vice-president of the society last year, received the honor while attending the Ophthalmology Academy in Chicago in late October.

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A special program about man's adventuring on deep waters, the beauty of his ships and the magic of the sea will be presented by the NBC Television Network Wednesday evening, 11 December on KRON-TV, Channel 4, at 2200. The program, entitled "Down to the Sea in Ships," should be of interest to all Navy personnel.

O' Wives to Sell Goodies

The Officers' Wives' Club annual Bake Sale will be held Friday, 13 December, from 0900 to 1500 in the lobby of the Navy Exchange. Cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, breads, jams, and candies will be sold. This project is the club's major money raiser, and part of the proceeds will go towards a Christmas package for a needy family.

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The snack bar opposite the dining hall on the third deck of the main hospital building is now open for business. The facility features hot and cold sandwiches, soft drinks, and coffee.



Getting a preview of Christmas decorations at the recent Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee dinner are from left, host RADM E. P. Irons; guest of honor Senator W. F. Knowland, editor and publisher of THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE; Mr. Richard G. Jones, Director, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Livermore; and seated, Miss Mary Valle, who has served as secretary-treasurer of the committee throughout its 45-year history.



Looks good! Tommie Delahousse cuts the delicious cake made by Mrs. Helen Simmons while Admiral Irons, HM2 Gregory Nichols, CAPT R. P. Dobbie, and others look on in anticipation. The party was in honor of Mrs. Delahousse's retirement after more than 24 years of Federal service.

Mrs. Delahousse Retires After 24 Years Service

Mrs. Tommie Delahousse received a Letter of Appreciation from Admiral Irons recently upon her retirement after over 24 years of Federal service, 18 of which have been with Oak Knoll. She was a mail clerk in the Operating Services Division, and as her chief, LT Donald K. Bain said, "We're all going to miss her wit and charm."

Mrs. Delahousse, who lives in Oakland, plans "just to relax." She is a "TV fanatic," and also hopes to learn to sew. Eventually she expects to travel.

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Congratulations are in order for LCDR Norman J. Nickman, of ENT, who is now a Board Certified Otorhinolaryngologist.

Christmas Plans Set At Committee Dinner

Who says that Santa Claus doesn't exist? There are at least 50 men and women who would differ in opinion with such a skeptic. They are members of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee and they will prove their belief by bringing the spirit of Old Saint Nick along with assorted Christmas goodies to Oak Knoll patients in three weeks.

At their annual dinner party, held 21 November this year at the Oak Knoll Officers' Club, the 45-year-old organization disclosed plans for their twenty-sixth visit to Oak Knoll. New among their plans is a ward decorating contest, which will accompany the annual array of professional entertainers and Christmas day gift-giving. Kenneth Humphreys, serving his first year as coordinator for Oak Knoll, outlined the program.

As the evening's agenda was completed, Larry Rodriggs, vice-president and public relations chairman, reported the conclusions of a reevaluation study of Committee programs which was conducted earlier this year. Allen F. Strutz revealed plans for the forty-fifth committee-sponsored holiday celebrations at the VA Hospital, Livermore. Members also discussed their first-year preparations for the patients at the Martinez VA Hospital. John Groom heads the Committee as president.

Senator William F. Knowland, editor and publisher of THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE, again was the Committee's guest of honor. He presented an informal after-dinner talk about the brotherhood role in spreading the Christmas spirit to veterans unable to be home for the holidays.

Admiral Irons hosted the traditional, festive affair.

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Scuttlebutt

Demolition has brought many sounds, several sights of note: CAPT Robert A. Middleton driving the bulldozer to knock down old Bldg. 34—"Driver, please, I'd rather do it myself!"... a certain chief eagerly watching from his third deck window to see buildings fall.

Congratulations to HM3 and Mrs. Mike Priest (the former Teena Day), married at Lake Tahoe 23 November. Priest, who works in the mail room, is from Pennsylvania; his wife, who was stationed at Oak Knoll until 1 July, from Virginia.

Rickard's Believe It or Not: Ask HM2 Donald Rickard, in the Photo Lab, about his tape recorder which runs backwards when batteries are inserted backwards... really!

Norcross Company and the Greeting Cards Association are friendly Santas for the hospital—each year Red Cross workers bring the companies' catalogs to patients, who may choose a style and receive free cards! While annually, O'Wives help out by wrapping packages for the men, with supplies from Special Services.

Overheard at Tommie Delahousse's retirement party: "Sure, boys, call me anytime you run into a problem. My number is 000-0000!"

HMCM Robert Scott's cat, Ming Toy, is well-traveled. Over 11,000 miles aboard ship, and three Pan American flights.

Life began at 1316, 9 November for Michael Lance Calderon, 9 pound son of HN and Mrs. Richard Calderon, Radiology; at 0859, 12 November for Robert Duncan Utterback, 8 lb., 7½ oz. son of LT. and Mrs. Thomas D. Utterback, Orthopedics; at 0500, 17 November for Kelly James Kneebone, 6 lb., 11 oz. son of LTJG and Mrs. Ken Kneebone, Pharmacy Service; 21 November for Heather Ann Campbell, 7 lb., 4½ oz. daughter of LT and Mrs. Corder C. Campbell, medical intern; and 27 November for Michael Devon Mortensen, 6 lb., 11½ oz. son of HA and Mrs. Loren Mortensen, corpsman on 8S.

Denise Michele Moses, 7 lb., 2 oz. daughter of the former Mary Katherine Swift, who was a nurse here, is another November arrival at the Knoll.



Posing in front of the Chapel of Hope altar prior to dedication services are the Most Reverend M. J. Guilfoyle, D.D.; Admiral Kelly; Rabbi Dalin, Area Director of the Western States of the National Jewish Board of Welfare; CAPT H. E. Austin, CHC, USN, Senior Chaplain; and Admiral Irons.



DTC William Soriano Quitalig was sworn in by Admiral Irons 18 November. Congratulations are being received by the happy new chief, who joined the Navy 26 March 1954 and reported here 12 April 1968.

Marines Association Seeks New Members

Former Third Marine Division members have an easy way to keep in touch with old Marine companions. The Third Marine Division Association, organized to perpetuate the memory of the Third Marine Division and to promote fellowship, is eager to have new members.

Men interested may send their name, organization designation in the Third, and HOME ADDRESS, plus due (\$5.00 per year) to the Association Secretary, P.O. Box 7154, San Diego, Calif. 92107, or Marine Liaison has information.

OB-GYN, Urology Seminar Slated

The Third Annual Seminar for Physicians in Obstetrics-Gynecology and Urology of the Bay Area Counties will be held 11 December in the Clinical Assembly Room on the third deck of the new hospital. The topic will be "Renal Problems Common to the Two Specialties." Registration will begin at 0900, and the program of lectures and panel discussions will close with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 1630.

Staff speakers will include LCDR Thomas J. McGeoy, of Urology, and CDR John C. Robins, of OB-GYN. Guest lecturers will be Richard P. Lyon, M.D., Clinical Professor of Urology, and Donald G. McKay, M.D., Professor of Pathology, both of the University of California School of Medicine, Sanford Kronfield, M.D., Internist, and John Palmer, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Urology Stanford University School of Medicine. CDR Gilbert A. LeBlanc, Chief of Urology, and CAPT James P. Semmens, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, will moderate panel discussions.

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Human Rights Day, anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, is 10 December. Human Rights Week will be 10 December through 14 December.

Fourteen Honored In November Inspection

At the 22 November inspection, LTJG Harry M. Lane, USN, received the Gold Star in lieu of a 2nd Navy Commendation Medal for service in a coordinated Air Wing Nine strike on a Vinh storage area which destroyed much valuable enemy equipment.

HM1 Billy W. Conner received the Navy Achievement Medal at the inspection. Also receiving awards were SK2 D. J. Warner, Navy Unit Commendation; DM3 J. W. Keith, Purple Heart; and SN D. C. Abrams, Purple Heart. HM3 Vernon L. Read, Sailor of the Month for November, received his award and congratulations.

Good Conduct Medals were awarded to eight men at the inspection: HM2s James W. Campbell (his second), Frank W. Campana, D. J. Duggan, Steve P. Ellis, John T. Reed, and Paul R. Ward; and HM3 J. L. Ayers.



CDR James C. Boudreaux hands the 3,000,000th prescription to a surprised Mrs. Betty Kirby, wife of ADR2 Charles Kirby. Mrs. Kirby, here for treatment of a skin lesion, was especially startled because it was her first visit to Oak Knoll. From the establishment of the hospital in 1942 to December 21, 1961, 1,000,000 prescriptions were administered by the out-patient pharmacy. The 2nd million mark was hit 1 June, 1965, and the third 22 November. Pharmacy staff expects to pass 4 million in the first part of 1970. They handle about 1,000 out-patient prescriptions a day.

Know Your Staff



Germany, France, New York, New Jersey, Kansas, Louisiana, Arizona, California, Okinawa, Japan, Taiwan. No, not stopping places for TWA, but temporary homes of HM2 Wayne Inancsi, well-traveled son of an Army Master Sergeant. Born in Auckland, New Zealand, Inancsi entered the Navy from Phoenix, Ariz., in 1965, and trained in San Diego where he met his wife, Ingvor, who was there on a student's visa from Sweden. His first tour of duty was at Oak Knoll, working in ward 69B. He returned here in September of 1967.

The 24-year-old corpsman, who works in the busy Judge Advocate's office, hopes to study marine biology. He is becoming acquainted with marine life through his hobbies of SCUBA diving and underwater photography, which both he and his wife enjoy year-round. In fact, according to him, "Diving is best in the winter, because the water is clearer. Summer warmth and light cause plankton growth, which makes the water murky." The Inancsis also do some successful spearfishing. They especially enjoy diving in the kelp forests off Monterey, and are members of the Aquatutus Diving Club.

Inancsi also likes land photography, while his wife Ingvor specializes in growing split-leaved philodendrons. "You talk to them, be nice to them, dust their leaves off, feed them, and they grow!"

The Inancsis are skiers eagerly awaiting skiing season. Mrs. Inancsi is an electronics assembler in Mountain View.

What's Special at Special Services

Plenty of events are scheduled for the Christmas season. If interested call at Ext. 2477.

7 December—An unlimited number of patients will attend Dinner Dance in Vallejo.

8 December—19 patients will attend the Oakland Raiders vs. Denver Broncos football game, and a dinner following.

10 December—"Operation Mistletoe," a party in the sky hosted by PSA, will initiate the Christmas season for 100 patients and staff.

11, 12, 13 December—Twenty patients will go to Reno, Nev.

13 December—Mrs. Shirley Garms, Brunswick Corporation Advisory Bowler, aboard at 1100

14 December—Staff children's Christmas party, 1300-1500 Main Auditorium, Bldg. 38.

15 December—KUEZ radio show, 1300.

16 December—Variety show in ward 75A.

17 December—Fifty tickets are available for patients and staff to attend an Oakland Oaks basketball game.

18 December—Duck Hunt. Further information to follow.

20 December—Ten patients will be entertained by the Albany post 292 of V.F.W. at a dinner.

Thanks go to several organizations who entertained patients in November and early December. To the Servicemen's Appreciation Committee of Concord, who entertained 35 patients with a dinner at Smorgy Boy's. To the Tracy Chamber of Commerce for hosting ten patients and staff at a pheasant hunt, in which 101 pheasants were bagged. To the Robin's Lion Club who hosted twenty patients at another pheasant hunt at the Knights Landing Sportsmen's Club in Knights Landing, Calif. To the Servicemen's Appreciation Committee and coordinators JoAnn Baldwin and Barbara Morgan, sponsors of a dance at the Solano County Fairgrounds for 35 patients. And to the Berkeley Trade Club who sponsored a dinner, show, and happy hour for 17 patients at the Claremont Hotel.

Anyone who desires paintings in their department should call HM3 Phil Corbett at Ext. 2477. A limited number is still available for distribution.



DT3 Laura Painter, Dental Service, and HM2 Alfreda Jennings, Physical Therapy, look over their finished product, the recently distributed WAVES Manual. Jennings was the compiler of the material for the manual, while Painter gathered most of the information on entertainment in the area. The handy manual includes, besides WAVE guidelines and regulations, a guide to restaurants, theatres, musical and athletic activities, and churches in the area. It tells newcomers what to see in San Francisco and its surroundings, with an idea of prices and what to wear. A job well done after much hard work!

A Little Dab'll Do It!



LCDR Virginia Frates is about to add a woman's touch to the 74B solarium wall. CPL Ron Theener, "straw boss" of the painting operation in the ward, wields a long-handled paint roller. Since moving in three weeks before the photo was taken, patients on the ward, with much help from Miss Frates, they insist, have painted the hallway, nursing station, doctors' offices, Chaplain's office, coffee mess, and entire ward. Those interested in color technique should visit the ward's coffee mess, an original creation, to say the least!

SCENE BY THE SIDELINES

by SN Bob Felling

Rebounding from three season-opening, road game disasters, the Oak Knoll basketball team christened their new gymnasium floor on 3 December with a 73-64 victory over the Naval Weapons Station team from Concord.

Mike Flynn led the Hill Toppers in their home court debut with 31 points by sinking 10 field goals and hitting 11 for 11 from the free throw line. Ed Niec contributed 13 markers while John Fowler and George McDermott tossed in nine and five respectively.

The win left the Toppers with a 1-3 season record and 1-1 in Twelfth Naval District Men's League competition. Opening their season with two non-league losses to Oakland Army Base, 60-46, and

to Parks Job Corps, 105-44, the Oak Knoll roundballers stepped into league play on the wrong foot, too, dropping a 100-49 decision to NAS Moffett Field.

Athletic director Ron Brown stated that the Hill Toppers play every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night, and that their schedule ends 23 January, when the Twelfth Naval District Basketball Tournament begins.

Three home games will be played prior to the team's Christmas break on 19 December. They meet Mare Island on 9 December; Skaggs Island, 16 December; and Alameda, 19 December. Brown invites all patients and staff to attend Hill Topper basketball games.

Do You Remember When?

By SGT Bill



But Sergeant! You're not supposed to take showers in the ward room!

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Holiday Greetings

This has been a difficult year because of the extra work engendered by the move into the new building. It has also been a most rewarding year. The dream of a permanent building at last became a reality, and never in history have citizens of this community and others throughout the state and the nation contributed so much to the welfare of our patients. It was like Christmas the year around as cookies, afghans, radios, tickets for sports and entertainment events, beautiful original paintings, cash for television sets, and other gifts poured in. Citizens in many communities opened their homes, hearts, and pocketbooks to entertain our young Vietnam casualties.

Here at the hospital nearly 250 Red Cross volunteers—an indispensable part of the hospital team—have served faithfully throughout the year. For the 27th consecutive holiday season the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee has provided holiday decorations for the hospital. The show Sunday night, visits from Santa on Christmas morning, and entertainment Christmas Day are also gifts of the Christmas Committee.

To the many who have been so involved in Oak Knoll life this year, my heartfelt thanks.

To our fine staff, military and civilian, my deep gratitude for work well done.

To our patients, best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

May you and your families on 25 December experience the joys associated with the true meaning of Christmas.

E. P. IRONS
Rear Admiral, MC, USN
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A BRIGHT STAR

As we once again approach the joyful feast of Christmas, we sometimes wonder what the Day really means to us and to the world. Does it mean only "Jingle Bells" and decorated trees? Beautiful cards and fancy wrappings? Presents and greetings? Shopping and cleaning? Visiting and feasting? Or are all these things but symbols of what Christmas truly is,—a manifestation of the infinite love of God for us, the taking of our humanity by the Son of God that we might taste of His divinity?

Yes, this is Christmas: Christ, peace, love, God, brotherhood, joy. But the symbols so often seem to overshadow the reality.

Christ came to give us Himself, but we still do not recognize Him. He came to give us peace, but we are still at war. He came to teach us love, but we still hate so many of our fellow men. He came to give us grace, but so frequently we prefer sin and evil. He came to make us one, but we find it so difficult to accept the human race as one family. He came to give us joy, but we are immersed in the anxieties and concerns of the world.

Yet we still celebrate the feast of Christmas. And rightly so, because we see in this a sign of what man can be with the help of God. We see our weaknesses and our failures. But we also see our strength and our salvation in Christ. We are resolved that we will never stop trying to respond to Christ's great love and to influence others to follow the example of one perfect man. Regardless of how dark and desolate, how weary and disturbed the world may become,—the Star of Bethlehem, the glorious light of Christmas, guides us to Christ the Lord.

May we find in the celebration of this Christmas renewed hope in man as the child of God. May we also find that joy and peace which come to one whom God loves and who in turn loves God and his fellow men.

LCDR PAUL J. DURKIN, CHC, USN

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Catholic

Midnight Mass, 24 December	2400	Main Chapel
Christmas Day Masses, 25 December	0830	Clinical Assembly
	1215	Main Chapel
Confessions 24 December	2300-2345	Main Chapel
25 December	0800	Chapel of Hope
25 December	1145	Main Chapel

Protestant

Christmas Eve, 24 December	1900	Main Chapel
Christmas Day, 25 December	1000	Chapel of Hope



Mr. M. L. Anderson received a letter of appreciation on his re-assignment by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company to another CENTREX project at General Services Administration. Mr. Anderson completed successfully a difficult task, that of establishing and coordinating service of the new CENTREX system at the hospital. Thanks to his diligent service, CENTREX is now running smoothly.



LCDR Gale Ramirez, Chief of Patient Affairs, accepts the first copy of an Occupational Outlook Handbook presented to the hospital by Melvin E. Sparks, Assistant Veterans' Employment Representative for California, U.S. Department of Labor (center), and Robert Houser, Veterans' Employment Representative for the Oakland Office of the California Employment Service. Forty handbooks, which will be used by Mr. Houser in giving employment advice to Knoll patients, were donated by the U.S. Department of Labor and the California State Department of Employment.

Houser Appointed VA Employment Adviser

Robert Houser has recently been appointed Veterans' Employment

Representative for the California State Employment Service for the Oakland-San Leandro area. Information for prospective discharges concerning the Employment Service and the rights, benefits and services given in securing jobs is available each Wednesday in Bldg. 131 from 0900 to 1530.

Information on work opportunities and skills necessary for various jobs will be available. Mr. Houser will also provide information on Federal and State training programs. The Occupational Outlook Handbook, an employment description manual, 40 copies of which were recently donated to the hospital, will be used in conjunction with job counseling.

Mr. Houser will advise patients about reemployment rights, unemployment insurance, and the veterans' Civil Service programs.

For further information or an appointment, call the Patient Affairs Office, Ext. 2461.



At the 27 November Operating Room Technician graduation, CDR Jack A. Langevin delivered a short address. On hand to congratulate the graduates were (seated from left): CAPT R. P. Dobbie, former Chief of Surgery, Admiral Irons, CDR Janet Redgate, Operating Room Supervisor, CAPT G. E. Cruft, Chief of Surgery, and CDR Langevin. Standing, from left: HN Arthur R. Overby, HM1 Jesse Clark, instructor, HNs Frank E. Solf, Bruce R. Best, HM2 John L. Gray, HNs August F. Marcella, Mary E. Johnson, Joseph E. Lindsey, Dennis G. Klosterman, Jackie L. Harris, and David R. Davidson, and LCDR Alvina M. Harrison, instructor.

\$75 for Good Idea!



HM1 Richard Ferreira received a check and congratulations from Admiral Irons recently for a very beneficial suggestion. He suggested that red and green stripes be painted from the entrance gate to the emergency parking lot and emergency clinic entry to the new hospital. This has resulted in less confusion for incoming ambulances and patients. For his idea, Ferreira was awarded \$75. Petty Officer Ferreira, who works in Supply, is the second military man to receive an award since the program was authorized 22 September 1965. Both military and civilian personnel are eligible for cash awards for beneficial suggestions.

Reenlistment



BM1 Alva M. Metcalf, a patient stationed at NAS Alameda, reenlisted for six years 6 December. Metcalf joined the Navy 29 April, 1950. He has been at the Knoll since August.



CAPT Irving J. Weber, Jr., DC, USN, signed his promotion papers 2 December. Captain Weber, who specializes in prosthodontics, attended the University of Iowa Dental School. He joined the Navy in 1946, and reported to the Knoll 12 August 1966.

Scuttlebutt

SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Youngsters screaming with delight at the staff children's Christmas party as Uncle Heavy and his Pork Chop Review went into their dance . . . Geraldo the Clown entertaining tots as Ret. Chief Bill Fanning played Santa, with assistance from Special Services staff . . . Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee members decking halls with holly wreaths and Christmas bells while patients trimmed trees in each solarium . . . Beautiful poinsettias on the altar in the Chapel of Hope . . . All hands looking forward to the VHCC Christmas show in the Clinical Assembly Sunday night at 1900 . . . Children admiring the lollypop tree brought to Peds Clinic by the mother of a patient . . . 74A patients and staff prettying up the place with brushes and paint . . . HM2 Greg Nichols strolling through the Admin Complex carrying—a back scratcher.

WHILE OUTSIDE Bldg. 500 the drone of bulldozers is heard as old buildings are gradually reduced to a mass of splinters.

DO YOU KNOW that HM3 Jack Pava of 5E was BORN here on Navy Day, 27 October 1945 when his father was an RM1? . . . That there are two Alva Metcalfs aboard—Alva M., the BM1 who reenlisted over there in Column I, and Alva W., AX1. Told of the coincidence, BM1 Metcalf was not surprised—except to learn that the AX1 version is also a patient here. They are cousins.

NEUROSURGERY PATIENTS can tolerate pain very well—LTJG Patricia Payne, that is.

ATTENTION, ALL HANDS: Despite what you may have read in the OL three times, Commander Boudreaux's first name is Joseph, not James.

LIFE BEGAN 7 December for Sjon Cory Stevens, 9 lb. 8 oz. son of LT Larry P. Stevens, staff intern, and his wife Janeen . . . Also on 7 December for Tracy Anne Bocker, 6 lb. 11 oz. daughter of HM2 Fred Bocker of PMT School and wife Dianne.

Anyone know if recently discharged Gordon Tobacco smoked?

Promotions Fine Christmas Present For Thirteen Staffers



New lieutenant commanders signed their promotion papers 3 December while CAPT R. P. Dobbie looked on. Signing is Garry C. Harris; waiting, left to right: Douglas B. McMullen, Daniel J. Kelly, Eugene J. Voltolina, William R. Kammerer, Piero F. Sandri, and William F. Kosch. Not pictured, but also receiving promotions were Frank L. Dwinnell, and Robert E. Mastin.



Corpsman Commended For Saving Life

HN Andrew D. Orr, who works in EKG, has received a Letter of Commendation for his outstanding performance of duty 15 October, when his prompt recognition of respiratory and cardiac arrest and immediate administration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation saved the life of a patient. The incident occurred while he was administering an electroencephalogram on a retired Navy Chief Machinist's Mate. Orr's "prompt, efficient, conscientious, and medically appropriate efforts are credited with saving the life of the patient or at the very least with preventing him from suffering irreversible brain damage," the letter stated.

Orr, who is from Quincy, Calif., reported here 22 May, 1968.

Calling All Camera Bugs!

A prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to each of ten winners of the U.S. Naval Institute's Naval and Maritime Photography Contest, which is open through 31 December 1968. The contest is open to all interested photographers, amateur or professional, military or civilian.

Photographs must pertain to a naval or maritime subject and must have been taken in the calendar year 1968. Entries may be black and white prints, color transparencies or color prints. Complete rules are available from Special Services, Ext. 2477.

30 Knollites Enjoy GOP Conference

"Great weekend." "Tremendous time."

"I met Mr. Nixon. . . and Bob Hope. . . and Dinah Shore, too!"

"Man, the food was out of sight. Wow, and those girls at the airport. . .!"

These are a few typical comments made by the 30 Oak Knollites who attended the state dinner for the Republican Governors' Conference in Palm Springs on 6 December.

Welcoming the veterans at the Palm Springs airport was the mayor, the high school band and majorettes, and an entourage of mini-skirted young ladies who brought smiles to the servicemen's faces as they disembarked from their airplane.

The men were wine and dined throughout their three-day visit by various clubs and individuals. They also rode the unique Palm Springs Tram to the top of Mount San Jacinto, where they could see Nevada, Arizona, and Mexico from an elevation of 8516 feet.

Highlight of the Special Services' trip was the Governors' Conference dinner. The patients dined with their home-state governors and other dignitaries as Governor Reagan dedicated the dinner to the war veterans. Most had their menus covered with autographs by the end of the evening's festivities.

The Oak Knoll group was joined by 19 patients from Letterman Army Hospital for the three-day holiday at the desert city. The two-hour flight to Palm Springs was made in a C-123 from NAS, Alameda.



During each holiday season, traffic accidents cause a needless waste of human life. Let's change the trend and make this the safest holiday ever and the beginning of a safer year. "Whatever for Christmas you're happily giving, The finest of gifts is for you to keep living!"

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New Nurse Corps Commanders Bettye G. Nagy, Dependents Supervisor, and Gladys Madsen, Infection Control Nurse, confirmed their promotions with a signature 6 December.



Pre-flight festivities during the Party in the Sky hosted by PSA included a dance and a visit by an old friend. Relaxing during intermission are FN Emil Bracone, Brooklyn, N.Y., two lovely PSA stewardesses, and L/CPL Richard Linn, La Crescenta, Calif. In the background are busy Brian Lee, PSA's public relations director, and his assistant, Jackie Verduin. Receiving gifts from every direction is CS2 Juan Bocanegra, of Oakland. Santa for the evening was Bob Vainowski, news editor for KCBS Radio. Santa's helper is "Miss Operation Mistletoe," pretty starlet Pat Delaney.

Know Your Staff



Many changes have taken place at the Knoll since HMC Arthur Leonard Clarke, Head, Linen Services Branch, Operating Services Division, was here in 1944. The hospital was his first assignment after he took his training at Faragut, Idaho. While here, the chief recalls seeing Bob Hope and Jerry Colona entertain in the amphitheatre, and he still has a packet of photographs of the base which he bought during his tour of duty. They reflect quite a change from today's compound.

Since the chief's return to Oak Knoll 19 August 1967 from his last tour of sea duty aboard the Sumner County, LST 1148, he has had a more difficult assignment than his first here. He orders all linen for the hospital (about \$15,000 worth a quarter), makes inventory of all linen, and handles all complaints concerning linen. With many others, he stressed, he helped to set up the linen service for the new hospital. ("Which was quite a job!")

Away from the laundry, Chief Clarke is the president of the Advisory Board of the CPO Club, which is currently planning the remodeling of the CPO Club galley. He is very active in the organization, and is the "unofficial cuisine expert for the CPO Club."

Chief Clarke, his wife Lydia and 13-year-old son Michael live in Santa Cruz, where Mrs. Clarke works for Santa Cruz Savings and Loan Company. Chief Clarke likes to fish with Michael, and they spent his last leave fishing en route to and from Quincy, Illinois, the chief's birthplace and the home of his parents.

PSA Hosts 124 At Party in Sky

"Operation Mistletoe" was a big success for Oak Knoll. The project coordinated the efforts of PSA public relations men and many area organizations. Radio stations advertised and citizens responded.

Tuesday evening, 10 December, saw the culmination of the "Operation" in a "party in the sky," held at the PSA flight dock with several pretty, charming stewardesses greeting 124 patients and staff. Gifts collected from interested citizens and donated by many organizations were given out by a hearty Santa (Bob Vainowski) and his lovely helpers (stewardesses and starlet Pat Delaney). A rock band entertained the whole terminal, and food donated by Chicken Delight, Davids of San Francisco, Shasta, and Pepsi Bottling Company entertained gourmets. This pre-party was followed by a party in the sky, during which a daring pilot dipped low over San Francisco and Oakland, giving a breathtaking view of the bay cities, lit even brighter during this Christmas season.

Thanks for this not-to-be-forgotten evening go to many. Especially to PSA and its fine crew, and to Brian Lee and his assistants for organizing the affair.

To Val-Car for transportation of people and gifts, to Korbel Champagne and Lejon Champagne for inflight refreshments, to Hast-

What's Special at Special Services

The holiday season will be filled with many events for patients and staff, thanks to many generous area people. Call 2477, if interested.

20 December (tonight) — dinner and refreshments hosted by the VFW Post 292, Albany, for ten patients.

21 December — Pacific Telephone Show in the Clinical Assembly.

21 December — A Christmas show at the Teamsters' Hall hosted by Al Tercheria and the C.B.R.C.

22 December — The annual Christmas Show sponsored by the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee will feature outstanding professional entertainment. Clinical Assembly.

24 December — Fifteen patients will attend a Rotary Christmas party.

28 December — Trader Vic's will entertain 100 patients and staff at a Christmas Party.

Thanks are due the VFW Post 9865, Laurel, Calif., who hosted twenty patients at an Oakland Raiders football game and following dinner. Also thanks due to Harold's Club Director James R. Hunter and Frank Murtha of Public Relations, who hosted an outstanding trip 11, 12, and 13 December.

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ings Men's Store for gifts, and to radio stations KGO, KNEW, KNBR, KPEN, KSFO, KFRC, KYA, KCBS, and KABL for fine promotion campaigns.

Sideline Scenes

by Ron Brown

The Intramural Basketball League tournament is going strong, with Administration leading the league with two wins and no losses followed by Medicine and Security teams with one win and no losses each. The Urology/Orthopedic, ENT/Pharmacy/Disbursing, Dental/Surgery, and N.P.R.L. teams each have one loss and one win. Trailing them are the Operating Services/Food Service and Project 49 teams with one loss each. The N.P. team is in the cellar, with two losses.

High scorer for all games was Jim Gloyd, who scored 27 points in the Dental/Surgery vs. N.P. game, won by Dental 45-40.

The Administration team took its lead by a win over N.P.R.L. (51-38), and by beating Dental/Surgery 33-21.

ber in Reno. Other hosts on the trip were Harrah's Club, (Public Relations Director Bob Castrell), and coordinator of the trip, the Navy Recruiting Office in Reno.



Three members of the Radiology Class, who graduated 13 December pose: From left, they are HM3 Ira Rockowitz, HM2 Ronald Harman, and HM2 Read Potter. Not pictured is HM2 Neil Peterson, who graduated the same day.

*Merry
Christmas*



Recent graduates of PMT course No. 48 are, front row, left to right: HM2s B. O. Butters, and A. L. Sorensen; HMCs J. M. Moody, M. V. Crespo, USCG, B. P. Segaya, P. T. Lightfoot; HM1 J. A. McMillan; and HM2 E. F. Meek. Middle row, left to right: HM2s R. L. Wallin, and O. A. Kirk; HM1s D. T. Helminiak, J. L. Diamond, R. K. Whitehead, and R. E. Averette. Back row, left to right: HM2s F. L. Brocker, D. R. Farrand, F. A. Siehien, and W. E. Kellner; HM1s T. L. Backhoff, G. A. O'Rourke, and G. H. Hanson. HM2 C. B. Darsey; HM1 D. P. Ritter, and HM2 R. R. Nelson. This was the last class to be trained in old building 60 B.

The speaker for the PMT graduation ceremony held 13 December in the Clinical Assembly was CAPT H. A. Sparks, MC, USN, Chief, Medical Service.